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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 5—There was an exhibition in the Senate today such as has not been seen for many a year. The old mahogany ballot-boxes, which look like superannuated bass-viols of a very small size, were brought out, and the Committee to investigate the sale of arms was elected strictly according to the terms of the rules, which, for convenience sake, are almost always set aside by unanimous consent, that a committee not named by the Vice-President may be appointed by resolution. That this Committee would probably be chosen by ballot was predicted last Saturday, since it would evidently be more convenient to employ an hour and a half in selecting a committee in this way than to spend an indefinite number of days in debating the resolutions which was brought in by Mr. CAMERON last week. The Appropriation bill having been reached, it was laid aside informally, and Mr. CAMERON moved to appoint this Committee under the rule. This motion was not debatable. Mr. TRUMBULL, remembering a trick which has been serviceable in such emergencies on two or three former occasions, moved to postpone the execution of the order till to-morrow; and that having been ruled by the Chair, as Mr. TRUMBULL expected, out of order, he appealed from the decision, and expected on this appeal to bring on the debate. He found that in the morning hour the rules of the Senate had been amended, and the little game would no longer win. Messrs. TRUMBULL and TIPTON and their confederates expressed a great deal of surprise that the motion which had been laid on the table the other day to amend the list then presented by Mr. CAMERON, so as to make Mr. SCHURZ a member of the Committee, was not taken from the table for action, instead of proceeding to a ballot, which would cut off their speeches. But there was no help for it, and so in hurried consultation they proceeded to unite with the Democrats in filling up tickets to ballot, the all-important feature of each being that it contained the name of Mr. SCHURZ. Naturally those who had been in favor of appointing the Committee, which Mr. CAMERON had proposed last Friday, voted that ticket today, the name of Mr. AMES being substituted for that of Mr. SHERMAN, who had expressed a wish not to serve. The fairness of those who complained of the Committee proposed the other day may be judged from the frequent appearance on one ballot of the names SCHURZ, TRUMBULL, TIPTON, BLAIR and STEVENSON, and some of the tickets voted gave not a single name of any Senator regarded as friendly to the Administration. The Committee selected was: Hamlin, 39 votes; Carpenter, 40; Sawyer, 38; Logan, 43; Ames, 35; Harlan, 36, and Stevenson, 33. Mr. SCHURZ mustered 29 votes, Mr. TRUMBULL had 16 votes, and Mr. TIPTON's twelve ardent admirers voted for him. The choice having been announced, the Democrats offered a most heroic sacrifice for Mr. SCHURZ, which was nothing less than to give up the only member of the Committee to which they were entitled, and which they had secured—Mr. STEVENSON—in exchange for no more than a mere chance to give their votes once more to the Senator whose heart never quails. But the sacrifice was not acceptable; and first by 28 to 23, and again by 29 to 24, Mr. STEVENSON's desire to be excused, and his Democratic colleagues' like wish, were refused. So there has been a fair expression of the wishes of the Senate. There remains nothing but to raise a dismal howl in regard to the injustice of the use of the ballot.

THE KANSAS INVESTIGATION.

Ms. CALDWELL, the new Senator from Kansas, today alluded to the stories, which are in circulation in the newspapers, in regard to the investigation which has been going on in Kansas by a Committee of the Legislature which has just adjourned, and the reports that he had been elected by bribery. He said no man dared meet him face to face and say that he had used improper means to secure his position. The investigation and report had been made for use in a political campaign in Kansas. When the official report came to hand he should ask an investigation. Mr. POMEROY wanted the Committee on Privileges and Elections to make an investigation without waiting for the arrival of the report, but after some running debate the resolution was laid on the table to await further events.

GEN. CLARK AND THE TRIBUNE.

Because Gen. CLARK, of Houston, Texas, last September, flatly refused to pledge himself to Mr. GREELEY to oppose GRANT and favor him, the Tribune has ever since abused him like a pickpocket, and demanded of the House Elections Committee, (a judicial body,) that they shall, without evidence, reject Gen. CLARK's claim to his seat. The case is pending. Gen. CLARK soon leaves for Texas to finish the taking of evidence, and the Elections Committee, a body so fair and just that they have earned the confidence of the whole House, will decide the case in accordance with the evidence submitted. This evidence may establish Gen. CLARK's claim to his seat as a just and legal one, for here is a paper deciding it in advance, and demanding that the Committee shall confirm its decision or suffer its displeasure, and this only and wholly because Gen. CLARK, who entered the service as a Brevet Major-General, and who has resided in Texas, where he was mustered out since the close of the War, as a banker and merchant, refused positively but courteously to support Mr. GREELEY's Anti-Grant and Pro-Greeley movement, which he inaugurated in Texas under the guise of non-partisan agricultural speeches. As to the Grand Jury which indicted Gov. DAVIS for issuing a certificate of election to Gen. CLARK, they have died since the discovery of the fact that they were bribed. The following is an extract from the record of proceedings of the United States Court, at Austin, on Feb. 23.

The Court instructed the Marshal to call the jury. G. W. DEAN, petit juror, being called, was absent. The fact caused the District-Attorney to rise, and complain to the Court that Mr. DEAN's absence was in contempt of Court, and that, as the need DEAN was a witness against the regular Federal Grand Jurors, and perhaps four, who were guilty of accepting bribes, and that DEAN himself was also guilty of crimes to the same offense, he had fled to evade arrest. The District-Attorney called upon the Court to proceed immediately to sift the matter of bribery in the Federal Grand Jury, to the bottom, and ascertain whether these charges were made in truth and verity, or to cast odium and contempt upon the proceedings of the Court and its dignity. The Court entered a fine of $100 against Mr. DEAN, who is still secreted and unfound.

THE FRIEND OF THE NEGRO.

In Committee of the Whole on the Deficiency bill, everything went along smoothly in the House until an item was reached appropriating $1,000,000 to defray the expenses of carrying out the Enforcement Tax law, &c. This gave Mr. COX an opportunity for one of his speeches, in which he made a very liberal bid for the colored vote, protesting that he and the Democratic Party were the friends of the negro, &c. He got his response from an unexpected quarter and with unlooked-for vim. Mr. RAINEY, one of the colored members from South Carolina, obtained the floor, and in a vigorous impromptu speech told what the colored people of his State had suffered at the hands of the Democrats there. He drove home some pregnant facts with so much force and eloquence that a very perceptible round of applause greeted him as he sat down, and Mr. COX, in replying, had nothing to do but dodge the issue and complain that an "attack" had been made upon him. Afterward Mr. DAWES bothered him by asking if he had voted for the Thirteenth Amendment. COX avoided the answer, but DAWES pressed him so closely that he could not get away from the fact, cute as he is.

YERBA BUENA ISLAND.

Hon. WM. A. WHEELER, from the House Committee on Pacific Railroads, reported this morning the bill to establish the depot of the Central Pacific Railroad on Yerba Buena Island, in San Francisco Bay. This island is a rocky military reservation of 150 acres, so situated that it is eminently necessary for the emergencies of military defense in the harbor, and must be reclaimed for that purpose. The Government does not, therefore, purpose to grant the fee simple, but only the restricted use of one-half the island to the Railroad Company, who must construct three miles of trestle-work and out their depot out of the rocks to wharf on it. But the great point gained, as all the immense stream of China commerce, and the ground alone upon which Mr. WHEELER and his Committee associates support the bill, is the fact that the largest ships can then discharge their cargoes without breaking bond directly into the cars for New-York, and thus abate a tax of at least $10 per ton on all transcontinental commerce. It is not in any sense a land-grant bill, as some over-sensitive members seem to think, and is supported by every man who has ever visited San Francisco Bay, including such Democrats as VOORHEES and HENDRICKS. The bill will probably pass today.

THE LOUISIANA REPUBLICANS.

Gov. WARMOUTH, supported by a number of his Republican friends, expected to leave New-Orleans to-morrow for Washington, to make their impression upon the Federal affairs of Louisiana, as they will be presented in the forthcoming report of the New-Orleans Investigating Committee.

THE CONGRESSIONAL REPUBLICANS.

The General Congressional Republican Committee at a meeting, to-day, appointed Senator WILSON Chairman, and the Hon. JAMES A. PLATT, Jr., of Virginia, Secretary. The following full Executive Committee was appointed: Senators CHANDLER and Cameron; Members CAMERON, LOGAN, CORBETT and POOLE; and Representatives STARKWEATHER, KETCHUM, New-York; COBURN, Indiana; and HALSEY, New-Jersey.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Great Republican Gains in Elmira—Large Gains in Other Cities and Towns.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ELMIRA, N. Y., March 5.—The charter election in this city today resulted in an unprecedented Republican victory. PATRICK HENRY FLOOD, Republican, is elected Mayor by a majority of 628; gain over last year, 329. WILLIAM J. LAMPMAN, Republican, is elected Treasurer by 714 majority. GEORGE MOSHER, Republican, is elected Collector by 576 majority, and ERASTUS S. PALMER, Republican, is elected Justice of the Peace by 273 majority. The Republicans select all the Aldermen—HECTOR L. MILLER in the First Ward, JOHN I. NICKS in the Second, PETER BRIGGS in the Third, ELIAS H. DOEMAUL in the Fourth, ARCHIBALD ROBERTSON in the Fifth, and GEORGE W. HOFFMAN in the Sixth. This makes the new Common Council stand ten Republicans and two Democrats. The Republicans elect five Supervisors—OLIVER C. KINSBURY in the First Ward, DAVID THOMAS in the Third, CHARLES H. ROWLAND in the Fourth, GEORGE W. WICKOFF in the Fifth and THOMAS M. TEWKSBURY in the Sixth. The Democrats elect one—CHAUNCEY W. GARDINER in the Second. This is the most magnificent victory ever achieved by the Republicans in this city. The Democrats renominated their very strongest man, Ex-Mayor STEPHEN MCDOWALL, and were confident of victory. But the floods came, and they were utterly swept away. This is the answer to the war upon GREELEY, and the omen of yet greater triumphs which are still to come.

AUBURN, N. Y., March 5.—The Republican city ticket was carried, in this city, today, and for Supervisors six Republicans and one Democrat were elected. Mayor THOMAS, the Republican candidate for Mayor, received about 300 majority over City Clerk MOSHER, the Democratic candidate. The Republicans have elected three out of the seven Aldermen. The Board will now stand seven Republicans and seven Democrats.

COHOES, N. Y., March 5.—In the Cohoes city charter election, D. J. JOHNSTON, the Republican candidate for Mayor, was elected by a majority of 616. The Republicans elect four Aldermen, three out of four School Commissioners, and all the Police Commissioners.

ROCHESTER, March 5.—Hon. A. CARTER WILDER, Republican, was elected Mayor of the city today. A majority of the members of the Common Council and Board of Supervisors elected are also Republicans.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 5.—The Republicans today elected five out of Seven Aldermen, and five out of six Supervisors. The Republican City Treasurer is elected by an overwhelming majority.

RONDOUT, N. Y., March 5.—JOHN MAXWELL, Republican, is elected Supervisor of Saugerties by 365 majority; WM. H. DE GARMO, Republican, of Wawarsing by 108 majority; GEORGE W. PRATT, Republican, of Lloyd, by 30 majority. The result in Kingston is not positively known. Trouble was experienced in counting the ballots.

UTICA, N. Y., March 5.—Citizens elect SIMEON F. BUTTERFIELD, Republican, Mayor, by a majority of 144. The remainder of the Democratic city ticket is elected by less than the usual majorities. The Common Council remains Democratic by two majority.

RONDOUT, N. Y., March 5.—JAMES G. LINDSLY is elected Supervisor of Kingston. Majority claimed, 41.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., March 5.—In the city election today THOMAS MURDOCH, Republican, was elected Mayor by 46 majority. The Democrats and Republicans elect two Aldermen each.

THE PHILADELPHIA FIRE.

Extent of the Damage to Jaynes' Building—Losses and Insurance.

PHILADELPHIA, March 5.—The fire is still smouldering on the eighth story of the Chestnut-street front of Jaynes' Building, but is under the control of the firemen, and the lower floors are so drenched with water and encased with ice that further damage is improbable. The granite front on Chestnut-street is not wholly damaged. On Carter-street, the front walls of two upper stories fell into the roadway. A large number of telegraph wires, belonging to the Franklin line were broken down and enveloped with ice to the dimensions of cables. They appear as they hang like supports to a chain bridge. All the adjacent buildings are encased with ice, and present a scene that should be preserved by the aid of photography. The damage to the stocks of the occupants of the main building is very serious, but those occupying the wing on Chestnut-street have sustained inconsiderable losses, their goods being mainly protected through the activity of the insurance patrol in covering them with tarpaulins. There are several rumors in circulation of firemen buried by the falling of the Carter-street front, but they cannot be traced to reliable sources. The losses and insurance by the fire last night are reported as follows:

SHARPLESS & SONS, sons; stock valued at $40,000 and damaged to the amount of $20,000; fully insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe, Union, Mutual and Royal. A. A. HUTLER, English goods, insured for $40,000, including $6,000 in the House of New-York, and $5,000 in the Ætna, of Hartford. BARTON P. NEUMAN, insured for $3,000 in the National, of Boston. JAYNES & SON had on insurance $112,000, of which $10,000 was in the House, of New-York; $10,000 in the Citizens', of New-York; $5,000 each in the Ætna, Phœnix and Hartford, of Hartford, and International and Phœnix, of New-York, and $5,000 each in the Columbia, of New-York; Kenrick's, of Hancock, Springfield and People's, of Massachusetts, and the American, of Jersey City. WEBNBACH had a stock of $150,000, and has policies of $5,000 each in the Commercial, of Albany, and Connecticut, of Hartford, and $2,500 in the Vermont, of New-York.

The estimated loss, so far by the fire to JAYNES & SON on the building is $125,000. It is insured for $60,000; on the stock, $60,000, fully insured.

FRANCE.

Regiments of the Line Infected with Republicanism—Disheartening Payment of the Indemnity—France-English Commerce.

PARIS, March 5.—It is reported that two regiments of the line, which have shown Republican tendencies, have been removed from the city. The Minister of Finance today signed drafts for 350,000,000 francs in part payment of the anticipatory installment of the war indemnity to Germany. The Committee of the Assembly have reported in favor of confirming the election of M. ROUHER to the Assembly, and censuring the conduct of the local authorities of his district. The Duke DE BROGLIE, French Embassador at London, has informed the Minister of Foreign Affairs that there is little hope of an understanding with the British Government in regard to the commercial treaty between France and England.

Resignation of Pouyer-Quertier and Appointment of his Successor—M. Thiers and the Budget Committee—A New Conservative Party.

PARIS, March 5.—The *Official Journal* will to-morrow announce the formal resignation of M. POUYER-QUERTIER as Minister of Finance, and the appointment of M. GOULARD, the present Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, as his successor *ad interim*. M. GREVY has been re-elected President of the Assembly by a decreased majority. The 16th inst. is appointed for the long expected debate on the Catholic petitions. The Budget Committee, today, unable to agree with the Minister of War, requested the attendance of President THIERS. The President, on appearing before the Committee, complained of its inactivity, which he said compromised the Government, and desired the authority of bringing a matter directly before the Assembly. A movement is on foot for the organization of a new Conservative Party, the main object of which will be the liberation of French territory from German occupation, and the formation of a Republic. Meanwhile, all constitutional questions to be solved until that end is accomplished.

GREAT BRITAIN.

"Tichborne" and His Friends—Lady Herdemart's Suits—Death of the Earl of Lonsdale.

LONDON, March 5.—The claimant in the Tichborne case has summoned a meeting of his friends. Sir CHARLES MORDAUNT has appealed for the appointment of a medical practitioner to examine into the sanity of Lady MORDAUNT. WILLIAM LOWTHER, Earl of LONSDALE, formerly Postmaster-General and President of the Council, died today in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

Mr. Bright on Income Tax—The Education Act—The Irish Railways.

LONDON, March 5.—JOHN BRIGHT has written a letter to the Anti-Income Tax Association, in which he declares that only in a reduction of the Government expenditures can he see a chance for the abolition of the odious tax. He despairs of the creation of a real economical party and advises the withholding of confidence from a Government which cannot govern without taking seventy millions annually from the nation's industry. In the House of Commons to-night there was a long debate on the resolution introduced by Mr. MUNDELLA to remedy defects in the Education law. Mr. FORSTER offered an amendment to the effect that the law had not yet had a fair trial. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 232 to 86. Mr. BLAKE, HOMESTEADER, the new member from Kerry, introduced a bill providing for the purchase by the Government of the railways in Ireland.

INDIA.

Subjugation of the Hooloog Chiefs—Release of the Captives.

CALCUTTA, March 5.—Gen. BROWNLOW telegraphs, under date of the 27th ultimo, that the Northern Hooloog Chiefs have submitted, bringing peace-offerings, and binding themselves to peace with the usual oaths and ceremonies; and all the captives have been recovered.

SWITZERLAND.

Revision of the Constitution—To Unify Civil and Criminal Law Systems.

BERNE, March 5.—The revision of the Federal Constitution has been completed by the centralization of the common and criminal law systems of the country, which, having already been adopted by the National Council, was yesterday approved by the State Council. The sessions of both Councils have been prorogued.

The Canadians Looking After American Fishers.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 5.—In the Legislative Council, today, Hon. Mr. FRASER presented a copy of a dispatch from Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, dated Jan. 30, asking the return of the names of American citizens arrested or imprisoned for participating in the Fenian movement for the last ten years, and also the names of those released. The Lieutenant-Governor has replied that there were none so far as could be ascertained.

THE NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings Yesterday—Action of the Committees on Apportionment.

TRENTON, N. J., March 5.—In the House a remonstrance was presented against allowing the Morris and Essex to cross Broad-street, Newark. A bill was introduced to regulate weights and measures in each Congressional District; also, a bill to repeal the Chatham Local Option law, and to allow two taverns in said township. The bill for the suppression of intemperance known as "Illinois Law," was reported. The bill supplementary to the charter of Hudson City in reference to the Police was passed. The Committee reported adversely to the Hoboken Supplementary bill to increase the salary of the Recorder, and to the Jersey City Supplementary bill authorizing the Mayor to nominate School Commissioners to the Common Council. A supplementary bill was introduced to make the number of Chosen Freeholders in Hudson County twenty-four, namely, three from each Legislative district. The following bills were passed: To incorporate the German Printing Association of Hudson County, and the supplement to the Newark and Mount Pleasant Turnpike Company's act.

THE SENATE.

In the Senate a bill was introduced appropriating $20,000 to the Reform School for Boys; also a bill appropriating $40,000 for the relief of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb to make up for the losses on New-Jersey pupils.

The bill providing for the election of City officers and municipal boards in Jersey City was ordered to a third reading. The following bill was passed: To validate the consolidation of railroad lines between New-York and Philadelphia. The bill requiring Savings Banks to make annual detailed reports was indefinitely postponed.

APPORTIONMENT.

The Apportionment Committee met last night and agreed only so far as the First District is concerned. They make a change by leaving out Atlantic County, as followed Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May. There is some difficulty in arranging the Second District, the question being whether Monmouth or Mercer shall go into the Third District. The probabilities are that it will be Monmouth. In that case the Second District will be Atlantic, Burlington, Mercer and Ocean (counties. The Third will be Monmouth, Middlesex, Somerset, Union and Middlesex the Fourth. The Fourth will probably be Hunterdon, Sussex, Warren and Morris; the Fifth, Passaic, Essex and Morris; the Sixth, Bergen; the Seventh, Hudson

JACK FROST.

Winter's Reign Renewed Throughout the Country.

Intense Suffering of the People—The Rivers Again Covered with Ice—Boats and Trains of Every Description Manage to Struggle in the Cold.

Jack Frost, it appears, has not left the country. Everybody was feeling happy over the prospect of bright sunny days and pleasant weather, when Jack came back like an infuriated tyrant with a bitter, biting north-wind harnessed to his chariot, and said the beams of a kindly sun disdpate his power. The sprinkling of snow that swept the streets on Monday evening was but an indication of what was coming throughout the night. During the dark hours Jack Frost was tremendously busy, making mischief in every household, freezing water-pipes, bursting plumbs, spoiling fruit. But the rivers felt the full effect of his rage. When the good folks of the City and Brooklyn came down to their accustomed ferries they found the water completely hidden by masses of floating ice so thickly packed as to resemble a field. On the East River, from 2 A. M. until 8 P. M. yesterday, many of the ferries were very seriously retarded. On the Hamilton, South and Fulton ferries the Companies started empty boats in advance of those conveying passengers to break the way. In many instances even with this precaution ladies refused to make the venture, and turned back to await further developments. The trip occupied in the lower ferries from an hour to an hour and a half. The cabins were not warmed, because the passengers were obliged to divert the steam from the pipes, having the need of every pound. The boats were also unpleasantly crowded, and there were many men dressed as gentlemen who doubtless sailed in the ladies' cabin and permitted ladies to stand. Added to this were all the horrors which nervous organizations would not but feel, as the continual bump, bump on the boat's side came in contact with obstinate lumps of ice of unusual size, and slowly crushed through them with a sound that seemed like the rending of planks. But a gentleman acquainted to quarter-crushing on Oregon said that the two together were exactly like the failing of the heavy stamp and the crushing of quartz-rock quartz. Later in the afternoon, under the influence of the strong north-wester, which blew with malicious pertinacity, dressing but wholesome New-York air and drying it at times far beyond the chill slowly drifted to the Brooklyn side, and were gathered by the tide into Wallabout Bay and the adjacent ferry-slips, leaving the down-town ferries comparatively clear. The middle stream was free, with the exception of patches here and there of undrowned ice, which had come down the Harlem River under the influence of wind and tide.

The Ice in the North River.

With the thermometer from four to nine degrees above zero, and a north-westerly wind blowing fresh and sometimes furious, a trip across the Hudson River yesterday was anything but pleasant. At 3 A. M. the evening time made by the Cortlandt and Desbrosses street ferry-boats was a little over one hour, and the Pavonia ferry-boats sometimes less. At 4 A. M., the North River, from the New-York side, presented the appearance of a vast field of ice, almost unbroken. In the immediate neighborhood of the piers and slips the ice seemed a solid and impenetrable mass, and it was only by looking almost half way across the river that any ripple of the water could be seen by the lookers-on of the stream and the possibility of navigation. The wind blowing from the north-west drifted all the masses of ice to the New-York side, where, during the cold night previous, it was frozen into solid masses. The Desbrosses-street ferry-boat, leaving Jersey City at 4 A. M., was three hours in making the perilous trip across the river, and a boat leaving the same ferry at 5 A. M. was over two hours in the passage. Both ferry-boats were retarding, in close proximity to each other, with the unyielding ice. Toward 6 and 7 o'clock daylight became comparatively easier, and the gradual retreat of the ice kept up by the enterprising little tug-boats had the most beneficial influence of the progress of the more unwieldy ferry-boats. Toward midday navigation became less of a labor, though anything but a pleasure. The crossing of the ferry-boat, which by the 10 o'clock trip, the average time was not being over fifteen minutes, starting after 9 o'clock P. M. for Desbrosses-street, the passage was pleasant enough until the middle of the river was reached, when the keen wind began to be felt and the hot bumps of the boat against the ice floes. The nearer the boat approached the ferry, the slower became its progress. When the ferry itself was attempted, the real trouble began. No less than six channels somehow were made, each time the boat coming within jumping distance of the pier, and then provokingly backing out into the stream, to prepare for a fresh and more vigorous dash. Several impatient passengers risked their limbs, if not their lives, by taking long jumps on to the pier, utterly regardless of the shouts of the men and the screams of the women, and one young woman only escaped from an nasty fall by the exertions of her lover. Several ocean steamers were observed stuck in the ice outside their various piers, and with the pleasant prospect of remaining in this position for a considerable time. It is stated that, should the wind continue to blow from the same quarter, and the cold remain as intense, navigation will today be almost impossible.

Casualties in this City.

Early yesterday the body of LOUIS SHURT, a tailor residing at No. 107 Greenpoint-avenue, was found by some laborers in the lots near Norman-avenue, Brooklyn. The deceased was frozen to death.

The body of an unknown woman was found in Van Horn Creek, Jersey City, yesterday morning. It is supposed that, blinded by the storm that night, she walked off the embankment at Lafayette-street. When found, the body was lying upon its face, frozen into the ice.

At an early hour yesterday morning the patrolman on duty in Forty-seventh street discovered a milk-wagon passing along, and observing that the horse seemed to be going in a zigzag way, he followed in the animal's tracks. On looking into the wagon he saw the driver sitting there, but totally unconscious. A closer examination revealed the fact that the man was frozen to death. The officer drove the dead man to the station-house, and took proper care of the horse and wagon. As yet the name of the unfortunate man has not been ascertained.

Severe Weather in Other Places.

BOSTON, March 5.—The thermometer this morning indicated from 2° to 6° below zero, and at noon stood at zero. A strong north-west gale prevailed. Reports from Maine and New-Hampshire show a still lower range of thermometer.

A dispatch from Mount Washington reports the thermometer 42° below, and the wind 100 miles an hour.

ALBANY, March 5.—The thermometer has ranged at 18° below zero in this city today.

TROY, N. Y., March 5.—The thermometer at 6 o'clock this morning was 16° below zero.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., March 5.—The cold is intense, the mercury, in the thermometer here, this morning marking 8° below zero.

GOSHEN, N. Y., March 5.—At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer indicated 22° below zero at this point.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., March 5.—The weather is extremely cold this morning, the thermometer indicating 16° below zero.

TORONTO, March 5.—An unusually cold snap is prevailing throughout the Dominion of Canada, the thermometer ranging from 20° below zero to zero, according to locality.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 5.—The day was intensely cold, the thermometer standing several degrees below zero.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 5.—The standard thermometer at Trinity College indicated 4½° below zero this morning and 1° above at midday.

Steamers and Freshets.

WASHINGTON, March 5—7 A. M.—The thermometer has ventured rising from the upper lakes south-eastward and eastward to the Atlantic, with clear weather very generally. The temperature has continued falling from Lake Ontario to South Carolina and southward. It has been somewhat over the Gulf States and from the Lower Mississippi Valley to Lake Erie and northward. Southerly winds, with clear weather, have continued over the Western Gulf States; easterly winds and partly cloudy weather from Tennessee to the north-west.

PROBABILITIES.

The barometer continued stand on Wednesday over the Middle and New-England States, with northerly to westerly winds and clear and cloudy weather, with indications of a rise in temperature; southerly or easterly winds, from the Western Gulf States; easterly winds from Tennessee and Kentucky north-westward, with partly cloudy weather and probably threatening and rather warmer; and southerly winds for the North Atlantic States, fresh to brisk winds and lower temperature, and cloudy weather and rain or snow, except clear and north-westerly winds from New-Jersey north-eastward.

WRECKS ON THE COAST.

Several Lives Lost on the Coast of Massachusetts—Unknown Brig Sunk.

BOSTON, March 5.—The schooner *Clara Bell*, of Rockland, Capt. ARMSTRONG, with a cargo of coal from New-York for Boston, went ashore at 3 o'clock this morning about three miles north of Highland Light, Cape Cod. The weather was intensely cold and the wind blowing a gale from the north-west. The officers and crew, seven men all told, attempted to reach the land, but only one man succeeded, and he was half frozen before he gained the shore. The others, including Capt. ARMSTRONG and the mate, perished in the sea. The vessel is a total loss.

An unknown bark is sunk near the Stone House Shoal, in about forty feet of water. A boat's crew from Menemoy Point, went out to her and took off three topsails. The vessel is supposed to be the bark *Mary C. Fox*, from New-York, for Portland, with coal, as that vessel was seen on Saturday about twelve miles north-east of the Highlands, off Cape Cod, with her cargo shifted, main-mast gone and leaking badly, all hands then being at the pumps, and the water gaining. A Philadelphia steamer was afterward seen to take her in tow off Nauset Light. The supposition is that she subsequently sank, and that the crew are on board the steamer.

The schooner *Lizzie Kate*, a fishing vessel, belonging in Gloucester, is ashore near Wood End, Cape Cod, and full of water. Her crew were saved.

Sinking of a Bark—Rescue of the Crew—A Miraculous Escape from the Island.

The bark *Mary C. Fox*, hence Feb. 27 for Portland, Me., sunk on Monday off Pollock Rip. The crew were saved by the steamer *Norwich*, Capt. HIXES, from Salem, and brought to this port. The Captain reports that in a blinding snow-storm on Saturday night the bark gave a heavy lurch and shifted her cargo of coal, which threw the vessel on her beam ends, permitting the sea to sweep the decks and break the boats. The crew worked all night trying to trim the coal, but were unable to right her; at daylight of the 26 all hands were at the pumps at 8 A. M. they cut away the mainmast and righted ship; she then got before the wind and headed for the land; at 2½ P. M., when off Nauset, the steamer *Norwich* came alongside and took the bark in tow; some of the crew being today from a fresh crew and supplied by the steamer; as the steamer hauled about the bark nearly capsized; the crew then left the vessel and the bark became unmanageable; the heavy sea parted the hawser five times, but finally succeeded in getting the bark on the shoals, one mile from Pollock Rip light-ship, where she struck bottom and came to anchor at 2 A. M. Monday. The steamer sent more men aboard to work the pumps, and at 5 o'clock got the bark under way in tow for Vineyard Haven. At 7½ the crew signaled the steamer that the bark was sinking. Captain HIXES sent a boat, which took off the crew, and at the same time tried to get the bark in tow, but she sank in 7 fathoms, and at 7½ the bark sunk in four and a half fathoms.

UTAH.

The Constitutional Election—Spotted Ballots to Trace Backsliding Mormons, &c.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 5.—By the Constitution, a general election for the ratification or rejection of the Constitution, and for members of the Legislature, and Representatives in Congress, will be held on Monday, March 18. The election of members of the Legislature to be conducted according to the system of the cumulative ballot. Other than this no change will be made in the existing method of voting. Hitherto adopted. The worst feature is the spotted ballot, or designating by numbering the ballots, and thereby enabling the Church leaders to watch their followers. It is doubtful whether the Gentiles will go to the polls at all.

The Political Complications in Louisiana.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 5.—The Executive and Judicial conflict continues. Judge COOLEY ordered VAN NORTEN to be rearrested this morning, and brought before him. About 11 o'clock the Sheriff brought VAN NORTEN in, when Judge COOLEY delivered a lengthy discourse upon the action of the Governor yesterday in pardoning the prisoner, and attempting to defeat the ends of justice, which he said if the Governor was to be permitted to exercise such functions we might as well abolish the Courts entirely, for there could be executed no order against a party who might be fortunate enough to have the Governor to back him. The Governor, more than any one else, ought to respect and uphold the decrees of the Courts, for he is of them an Executive member. In this case he has so far forgotten his duty as not only to not assist in the execution of the law, but he has conspired to defeat it. Such conduct cannot be tolerated in any country where the law is respected, and it must be put down at whatever hazard. Rumor still says is that it is well known that the Governor is alleged to be a party to the very plot out of which this matter has arisen, although he has kept in the back ground, and he attempts to shield from harm those who have been working in his interests. L. Marrotes, charge the Grand Jury of conspiracy to release the Parish Prison, there to be confined according to the terms of the original sentence, and I will hold the Sheriff responsible under the act of 1868, for the proper execution of this order.

Mr. VAN NORTEN is again in the Parish prison.

The Judiciary Investigation.

The secrets of the Judiciary Investigating Committee are too well kept to allow any positive statement as to the particular charges against Judges CARDOZO and BARNARD, which are now under investigation. Yesterday the Committee was to have reassembled at noon, but it was not till some half hour after that they fairly got into working order. Judges CARDOZO and FULLERTON were early on hand; then came Mr. TILDEN, and the other members of the Committee followed. W. F. HOWE had been stalking about the hall for some time previous, causing much speculation as to the charges he was likely to be examined on. He was, of course, unpronounceable on the subject, though the general idea seemed to be that a certain transaction in connection with Mrs. BRADSHAW, late of Harlem, and the Parish Prison, left in Howe's hands, which Judge CARDOZO, one of the Bench, had, for six months, and through the kindness of Judge CARDOZO, only stayed six weeks, would undergo a pretty thorough sifting by the Committee. Messrs. E. E. RAYMOND and H. R. FOSTER, from the Mechanics' National Bank, were among the witnesses examined. Rumor said they had brought a Republican's statement with them; but this was nothing more than a surmise, though probably it was not far from the truth.

Separate Meeting of the Committee of Seventy—The New Charter.

The Committee of Seventy had a regular session, last evening, Mr. JAMES M. BROWN, the Vice-Chairman, presiding. After the usual routine business was disposed of, Mr. SIMON STERNE, the Chairman of the Committee, who is associated with Hon. EDWARD SALOMON in securing the passage of the charter through the Legislature, made the report of the Committee on Legislation, reciting the events appertaining to the bill. At the close of the report, resolutions were made by Messrs. D. Ramsay Duncan, Joseph Hoxie, Henry D. Sharpe, Richard Cooper, Joseph Blumenthal, William Kelly, George W. Lane, and others, commending the Senators to support the charter.

Hon. JOHN WENTWORTH, Chairman of the Albany Committee, has returned to Albany to look after the interests of the people, and will be joined by Hon. Messrs. ROSEVELT, BLUMENTHAL and CHARLES WATTERSON, of the Albany Committee, and the Hon. EDWARD SALOMON, Chairman of the Committee on Legislation, and Mr. SIMON STERNE, of the same Committee, who will be present to-night at the meeting of the Committee on Cities of the Senate. Over 100 of the friends of the charter will move a hearing. A strong delegation from the Committee of Seventy will go to Albany this week.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

A steam saw-mill in Littleton, Mass., was burned yesterday morning. Loss $6,000.

The daughter of the Spanish Admiral TOPETE is dead.

The aggregate circulation of all the Boston daily papers is said to be about 160,000.

Rev. Mr. GILMORE, a priest, of Dayton, Ohio, has been appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Cincinnati.

Lieut. FREDERICK GREGY, of the United States Army, is now in Austria. On Tuesday he visited both Houses of Parliament.

JAMES ROOSEVELT, Democrat, was elected Supervisor for the town of Hyde Park, N. Y., yesterday.

In the Senatorial election in the Tenth Senatorial District yesterday, Downing (Democrat) was elected over Amerman, Independent.

The Government last night gave a reception to the Japanese Embassy at the Masonic Temple in Washington.

The Planters' Bank, Fort Valley, Ga., was robbed on Monday night of $18,000 currency and $2,000 specie.

The Upper House of the Austrian Reichsrath has adopted the Compulsory Election bill previously adopted by the Lower House.

The White Star steamer *Atlantic* passed Crookhaven, at 5 P. M., yesterday. She left New-York Feb. 28.

The Dayton (Ohio) *Journal* expresses its gratification that "our great Anti-Amnesty debate" is ended.

Lynn, Mass., shipped 9,750 cases of shoes last week, which was more than in any one week for a long while.

The Congregational churches of Massachusetts made a net gain of 7,031 in membership last year.

Senator MORTON is at his old home in Centerville, Ind., and is expected to speak there some time this week.

THOMAS BOURN, aged sixty-five, was killed Monday night in attempting to cross the track of the Boston and Providence Railroad, near Boston.

Rev. Mr. O'CALLAHAN, prominent in preferring charges against Bishop RAPPE, of Ohio, has been tried before the proper ecclesiastical authorities, and ordered to retract.

The Inman steam-ship *City of Washington*, from New-York Feb. 21, for Liverpool, has not yet arrived at her destination, and some anxiety is felt about her.

The entire Republican ticket was yesterday elected in Bridgeport, Conn., with the exception of one Alderman. Lyman C. Bonney was re-elected Mayor by 250 majority.

The pioneer narrow-gauge Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company has finished grading and bridging the second division of forty-two miles.

It is said Prince FREDERICK CHARLES, of Prussia, while in Rome on his way to Egypt, declared that if France attacked Italy, Germany would defend her.

The Emperor of Germany, on Saturday last, made a final distribution of donations to Generals distinguished for their services in the late war.

GEO. W. JULIAN having refused to be a candidate for Congress in the Fourth District of Indiana, B. F. CRAFTON will run against JEREMIAH M. WILSON, the present incumbent.

Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT has sent $3,000 to the treasurer of Harvard College for the Kirkland Scholarship, thus anticipating for three years the annual payment of $3,000 he promised.

The Democratic members of the Ohio Senate, who resolved in caucus that they would object to SAYLER's voting every time the Clerk called his name, have finally yielded, and he votes now without interruption.

The Charleston *Republican* reports that a boat, in which a large party of colored men were crossing the "Ashley," on Saturday afternoon last, swamped when midstream, and that fifteen of those on board were drowned.

MARY WOUNER, of York, Penn., is a little girl who preserved a railroad train from the wreck of the other by waving her apron for the engineer to stop after she had discovered a broken rail.

The Democratic plan in Indiana is said to include the nomination of HENDRICKS for Governor, with the hope of sending him to the Senate, and the nomination of VOORHEES for Congressman at Large.

The population of Illinois, as ascertained by the United States census, is 2,540,549. The number of residents, shown by the State officers' count, is 2,539,591. The difference is so small as to be noticeable.

The Secretary of the Treasury has instructed the Collector at Quaxana, at Sarpentine Point, to clear any more vessels for Camargo and other points on the Rio Grande above Guatemo now in the hands of the revolutionists.

A telegram to the

tens of China and Japan already pass through our gateways, as do all the travelers between the continents of Europe and Asia. Twenty-five years hence, when we are a nation of seventy-five millions of souls with three trunk lines of railways from the Atlantic to the Pacific instead of one, we will have the whole of the commerce of the East, stand in the center of trade and control the industry of the world. New Liverpool and London name the price of commodities and the rate of exchange. But then the supremacy of our position would [illegible] this hold this sovereignty in [illegible] States. For this great boon the nation must thank the Republican Party, which had inaugurated the policy which made it not a probability but a certainty of the future. But the Republicans in their first platform had also declared that all men were free and equal, and the world knows how honestly and earnestly it strived to make good its declaration. In 1864 it promised to sweep slavery from the face of the nation, and it did it. In 1868 it made a new promise, the redemption of which did much to strengthen the power of the nation at home and increase respect for it abroad. Up to that time there had been no authoritative declaration by the Government in favor of the right of expatriation, and as a consequence foreign powers, but notably Prussia and Great Britain, finding former subjects, who had become naturalized citizens of the United States upon their soil, had sought to make them amenable to their laws. As a consequence of their acts, the Republican National Convention of 1868 declared in favor of the right of expatriation, and the ink was scarcely dry upon the paper on which it was written when the Republican Congress passed a resolution making it effective.

Next the Democratic Party was taken up and reviewed from 1852, when the Whig Party died from taking too much Democratic medicine, just as the Democratic Party is now swallowing Republican mixtures. Then the Whigs aimed to make their platform so much like the Democratic on the slavery question that no difference in the two could be discovered, and succeeded, but were rewarded with death; now the Democracy is doing the same thing, and the result will be the same. The first pledge of President PIERCE, on the platform of 1852, was that slavery agitation would cease, and the first result was the Kansas-Nebraska bill, by which slavery agitation was made more intense than ever before. Based upon the specious plea of self-government, called squatter sovereignty in the political cant of the day, this bill so deceived the people as to enable the Democracy to win the election of 1856, but the promise made that its principle should regulate the future policy of the party was immediately violated. Early in President BUCHANAN'S time came the Dred Scott decision, which Democracy, obstructed to mean that the Constitution recognizing slaves as property, there was no power, either in Congress or the people to exclude slavery either from the Territories or the States, and this monstrous doctrine thenceforth became the shibboleth of Democracy. Had not the Democracy been ousted from the control of the nation the inevitable consequence of their possession of power to the present time would have been that every foot of territory within the limits of the United States would have been slave soil; and the speaker, drawing a vigorous picture of the condition of the Southern States before the war, said that but for the overthrow of Democracy all the States would now be in the same or even in a worse condition. It is not safe to take power from the dominant party and give it to one with such a record as this until all that has been done has become imbedded in our system of government that it cannot be disturbed. It is true, the Democrats are now making plausible professions, and have been doing so for some years. It was their fashion, lagging behind the age to come up to the spot where a monument has been erected, in the shape of some measure of reform enacted, to the faithfulness of the Republican Party, and, stopping to consider have found that that measure, which the Republican Party had then left far behind it, had become a pet of the people. Finding about the monument the cast-off uniforms in which the Republican Party had fought the battle against them for that very measure, they had arrayed themselves in them and paraded, and impudently proclaimed, behold, it was we who did this thing! So it had been time after time, until now, when Democracy is endeavoring to persuade the people that it accomplished all those reforms which it bitterly opposed; but the speaker read from the report recently made to Congress by the Democratic minority of the Ku Klux Committee to show that the party, if it should again get possession of the Government, will undo all that has been done, so far as it has the power.

Referring to the fact that there are four tickets before the people of New-Hampshire, Mr. WILSON said that to his mind the Republican Party was a good enough temperance as well as labor-reform organization to satisfy any reasonable man. He had a right to speak as a laboring man, for he toiled eight years with his hands as a mechanic, and he knew that the Republican Party had conserved the interests of labor; a party which had stooped down below the lowest to raise up four millions of chained laborers to invest them with the prerogatives of American citizenship, and which had passed the Homestead law, could not be reproached with indifference to the interests of the laboring classes. As to the charges of corruption within it made against the Republican Party, he would not attempt to deny them, or to defend corruption. The nation had been demoralized by the war, and there was no doubt some corruption in the Republican Party, but the party had diligently searched for its corrupt officials, and, having found them, had turned them out of office. As a more certain cure of corruption in office the party has taken position in favor of civil-service reform, and will accomplish it as thoroughly as it has all the other great reforms which it promised and achieved. The speaker did not believe that the device of competitive examination was enough to cure the evil, but he wanted a system that would put honest, capable men in office, and keep them there, and which would bring the Government business up to date and keep it there, so that the exact condition of affairs could be seen at any moment, and thus prevent any stealing of the public money. There had not, however, been any such stealing during the present Administration as had been alleged against it. Coming into power in the Spring of 1869, the Administration found an amended revenue law which cut off $30,000,000, yet under this law GRANT in his first year had collected within $6,000,000 of the sum collected by JOHNSON in his last year, so that there must have been vastly more honesty and efficiency in the Government. Reduction in taxes had since gone on until $140,000,000 had been cut out, yet the Administration had reduced the debt in its three years $60,245,550 17, or at the rate of $100,000,000 per year, and had so increased the credit of the Government as to enable it to place a great loan at five per cent, and it had been enabled, by the great reductions in the obligations of the nation, to save $18,000,000 per annum in interest alone. The Republican Party, down to the present moment, had been true to itself and to the nation in its financial as it had been in its moral and political policy; and, in conclusion, the speaker declared that the country cannot afford to depose it from power.

Mr. WILSON was preceded by Hon. GEO. C. MCKEE, member of Congress from Mississippi, whose speech was more in the usual style of stump oratory, but was nevertheless effective. He confined himself first to exposing Judge B. H. CARPENTER, of South Carolina, who has been brought here as a Republican by the Democrats. Not whose last achievement was running for Governor of South Carolina on the Democratic ticket, with the rebel Gen. M. C. BUTLER, as Lieutenant-Governor, and whose advent into political life was as a partisan in the Pro-slavery Lecompton Constitution during the Kansas troubles. Mr. MCKEE took up the resolutions of CARPENTER and others as to the condition of the South, and thoroughly refuted them. As to the cry of negro rule, he showed that the blacks have a majority only in [illegible] States of South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana, but only of four hundred in the last. While having a majority of seven hundred in Mississippi, the Republican majority in that State last Fall was twenty-five thousand, and next Fall it will give thirty thousand majority for GRANT. Not is Republican preponderance due to disfranchisement of the whites, for there is no such thing in the South. Every man can vote, and only a few are inhibited from holding office; while the rebels cannot vote for JEFF. DAVIS, they can for his nephew; but they are not likely to do it, as the nephew is a staunch Republican, due to the change that the disfranchisement of the South were due to the excessive taxation of the Republican State Governments. He showed that it was utterly false. The tax on $300 bales of improved cotton land in Mississippi was $618, and the average gun-digits tax of the Southern States was $2 32, while that of New-York State was $11, and the revenue raised from all the former $22,000,000, while in the latter $46,000,000 were exacted. The per cent of taxation was equally favorable to the South with the per capita, and the whole debt of the South is $131,000,000, of which $90,000,000 have accrued since 1865, and represent $170,000,000 of increase in values by the rebuilding of railroads, bridges, public buildings and other replacements of the destruction of the war. As to corruption in Southern politics, there was undoubtedly some, for which such men as Judge CARPENTER were responsible, but there was no more there than in other portions of the country, in support of which declaration Mr. MCKEE cited the achievements of Tammany, and the cases of Chicago, Brooklyn, Jersey City, Salt Lake City and San Francisco. In conclusion, Mr. MCKEE declared a Republican victory in New-Hampshire, as elsewhere, necessary to the continuance of peace and personal safety in the South, as every Democratic success since the war has been followed by a fresh outbreak of that rebel savagery which resorts to the knife and pistol as unanswerable political arguments.

Upon such food as that generated by these two gentlemen the Republicans are being fed during this canvass, which has now entered on its last week. As preparing the way for the election returns, I now append the two State tickets:

Republican.
For Governor,
EZEKIEL A. STRAW,
Of Manchester.
For Secretary of State,
ALBERT SWITCHER,
Of Gorham.
For Councilors,
No. 1—George F. Dow, of Dover.
No. 2—Jonathan Morrill, of Gilford.
No. 3—William H. Kimball, of Sandwich.
No. 4—Dexter Richards, of Newport.
No. 5—Chester G. Hutchins, of Bath.
No. 6—[illegible] of Hancock Falls.
No. 7—Warren Cheney, of Manchester.
No. 8—Matthew Ray Taylor, of Salem.
No. 9—George Foster, of Bedford.
No. 10—David M. Wood, of Hinsdale.
No. 11—Ira Cole, of Lempster.
No. 12—Otis G. Hardy, of Lyme.
No. 13—Charles H. Campbell, of Nashua.
No. 14—Samuel I. Vose, of Peterborough.
No. 15—Ira Cummings, of Bradford.
No. 16—Harry A. Gilmore, of Weare.
No. 17—Rufus A. Sawyer, of New-London.
No. 18—John Page, of Littleton.

Democratic.
For Governor,
JAMES A. WESTON,
Of Manchester.
For Railroad Commissioner,
HENRY COLONY,
Of Keene.
For Councilors,
No. 1—Jonathan E. Sargent, of Hampstead.
No. 2—Alpheus H. Rand, of Northwood.
No. 3—John W. Morse, of Bradford.
No. 4—[illegible] of Sandwich.
No. 5—Joseph Fowler, of Barrington.
No. 6—[illegible] of Hancock.
No. 7—Daniel Marcy, of Portsmouth.
No. 8—Winfield S. Moseley, of Danville.
No. 9—[illegible] of Manchester.
No. 10—[illegible] of Antrim.
No. 11—[illegible] of Bedford.
No. 12—John C. Moulton, of Lyman.
No. 13—S. S. Stickney, of Milford.
No. 14—[illegible] of Wilton.
No. 15—Lewis Tolman, of Antrim.
No. 16—Edward L. Chadbourne, of Charlestown.
No. 17—Lewis W. Pike, of Acworth.
No. 18—James J. Barrett, of Littleton.

In addition to these officers there is a House of Representatives, consisting of 327 members, to be elected, and a large number of county and town officials. There are many peculiarities in the election laws of New-Hampshire, but only one of them is of interest beyond the State. The voting is done from lists prepared by the selectmen of the towns, and from the fact that the Democrats have had the making up of forty more of these lists than they had last year, some danger is apprehended. It is claimed that where they have the power they strain the laws to the utermost to put on Democrats and take off Republicans. Charges of contemplated frauds in connection with these check-lists, as they are called, are openly made, and are heard on the board of a Democratic paper that the protection of these lists were worth a thousand votes to the party. It is inevitable, however, that such charges should be handled between the parties in every political contest, and I incline to the belief, from what I have seen here, that the election will, in the main, be an honest reflection of the will of the people.

Both parties are making every effort to secure a favorable result. In addition to the names I forwarded yesterday, the Republicans will have as speakers at their numerous meetings during the present week Hon. DANIEL E. SICKLES, of New-York, and perhaps other distinguished strangers; while of home orators Senator PATTERSON, Hon. J. H. ELA and others equally popular and effective will continue in the field to the close. The Democrats are more chary in announcing the programme for the future, but they hold meetings in all the towns during the week, and on Thursday hold a mass-meeting in this city, which will be addressed by Hon. DANIEL W. VOORHEES, of Indiana, Hon. C. P. KIMBALL, of Maine, and others. Several other strangers of note will also endeavor at different points in the State to excite Democratic enthusiasm with something alluring. Thus far, the arguments of the party, as they have found expression through its Press and orators, have been threadbare denunciations of the corruption of the Administration and the radical robbery of the South, with tiresome eulogies of those patriots, Senators SUMNER, SCHURZ, TRUMBULL and TIPTON, whose names are constantly quoted as incontrovertible proof of the rascality of the Republican Party. Without the utterance of these Republican Senators to fall back upon the Democracy of New-Hampshire would have had so little to say during this canvass that in all probability it would not have taken the trouble to open its mouth at all. E. C.

The Barnum Officials Charged with Black-Mailing—Testimony of Former Collectors Baggott and Kasmire.

The case of FIELD and LAWRENCE, the two keepers charged with extorting money from F. GOTTERBERG, came up again before Commissioner Osborn yesterday. The only evidence taken was that of Deputy Collectors DAGGOTT and KASMIRE, who cleared themselves from the importunate cast on them by the complainant. GOTTERBERG, Mr. KASMIRE swore positively that after the discharge had been made against GOTTERBERG, he only visited his store twice, and then in relation to some illicit whisky which GOTTERBERG was suspected to have dealt in. He further explained how it was that GOTTERBERG had been demanded of him, stating that it was the popular opinion on the Avenue which had been changed against GOTTERBERG. Mr. DAGGOTT, who had charge of the transactions of the two officers, said that they had not reported to him after he had sent them to the store. He corroborated the evidence of Mr. KASMIRE in relation to the illicit traffic. The District-Attorney said that he intended to call Mr. THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN, the principal witness for the Government, from under the influence of considerable excitement, and he had no doubt a little explanation would clear Messrs. KASMIRE and DAGGOTT from complicity which might arise from the evidence of the complainant. After argument on the case by counsel, Commissioner OSBORN held the accused to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The New-Jersey Methodist Conference—Close of the Session.

TRENTON, N. J., March 6.—The Methodist Conference closed today. Trustees of Hamilton and Vineland Seminaries were elected. Revs. Snyder, Holdey, Van Dyke, Franklin and Tullis, were elected Stewards. The Freedmen's Aid Society made a report which represented that 2,000,000 of colored people belonged to the Methodist Church. John Wilson, J. G. Stryker, B. Collins, E. F. Bishop, Joseph S. Reed and Wm. C. Strickland were admitted on full connection to take rank among the elders. Twelve deacons were ordained. After several other reports the appointments were read, and the Conference adjourned sine die.

MILLER IN TROUBLE.

The Legislative Committee Hear Further Evidence Yesterday.

The Albany Printing Job—Miller's Twenty per Cent.—That Life Bill—Senator Pierce's $5,000 Check and the Knickerbocker Company's $3,000 Contribution.

The investigation by the Legislative Committee into the conduct of GEORGE W. MILLER, as Superintendent of the Insurance Department, was resumed yesterday at the Underwriters' Hall, No. 126 Broadway, with FRANKLIN W. TOBEY as Chairman, Messrs. RABOOCK and ERWIN being also present. The proceedings were commenced by Mr. BARNES calling JOHN E. HEGEMAN, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, to identify a letter which he had written on April 21, 1871, to G. W. BEEMAN, the agent of the Company, at Albany, informing him that SCHUYLER and CARR had been assigned by Mr. MILLER to investigate the affairs of the Company, and advising him accordingly, as he had KNOWN CARR in the Internal Revenue office. Mr. BARNES put the letter in evidence, although Mr. MILLER could not see what connection there was between a private letter from a company to its agent and an investigation of his course as Superintendent.

J. D. PARSONS, of WEED, PARSONS & CO., Albany, was then called. Mr. MILLER here protested against the reintroduction of this witness to be examined by a subcommittee, when he had twice before been examined before a full committee at Albany, and where he could again be examined by the same full committee. He objected to this partial proceeding. The subcommittee was appointed to examine witnesses residing in the City, and he could not see why one from Albany should be brought to New-York for examination.

The Committee decided to hear Mr. PARSONS' statement, whereupon Mr. MILLER publicly protested against the further sitting of the Sub-committee without a full representation of the General Committee, the minority not being represented at all on the Subcommittee.

Mr. TOBEY, in consideration of the protest, Mr. ALTER from leaving, in fact he had gone away without the permission of the Committee.

Mr. MILLER protested against the proceeding, and if the Subcommittee desired to go on, he wished to know if it was by general consent, or the ruling of the Chair. The Committee decided to go on with the examination.

THE ALBANY PRINTING JOB.

Mr. PARSONS was therefore examined by Mr. BARNES. He testified that he gave the bills for printing Insurance Department documents to Hamilton Harris, Albany, and when he had the bills, generally, went to the Superintendent to be audited, then to the Controller, who drew a warrant on the State Treasurer; the check then goes back to the Controller, who signs it, after which the money is drawn; the witness stated that his bills for the Insurance Department and private work to Harris, from 1870 to 1873, inclusive, amounted to $12,000; SCHUYLER would sometimes call on the Superintendent; SOUTHWICK received a percentage for looking after the accounts; sometimes the witness found that the Superintendent had not got the bills when he called, and he had to make out new ones; he thought he had made out bills for the Superintendent; the witness would take the bills to the Controller as the Board vouty all the bills, the witness thought, were given to SOUTHWICK; one was put in for over $10,000 for work done under the former administration, and the witness got Controller ALTER to allow Mr. BARNES to put his signature to it, which he had been instructed under his direction; the Controller said the bill with that certificate; SOUTHWICK called on the witness soon after, and spoke about the percentage; he thought he spoke for another.

Mr. MILLER objected to the introduction of a witness' thoughts as evidence. The Chairman requested the witness to speak only of what he knew. Answer—I did not know.

TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT. ON PRINTING.

The witness continued—SOUTHWICK called on the witness one day, and he complained that the work was not done under the administration he declined to pay SOUTHWICK, who appeared to think that was perfectly right, and this ended the conversation; he appeared to make the claim for Mr. MILLER, according to the witness' impression, the usual percentage was twenty-five per cent on the bill; he did not think SOUTHWICK made a direct claim, but he expressed a thought that he ought to have the percentage; the witness told SOUTHWICK that he would not pay a percentage on work done under the former administration; Controller ALTER did not think Controller ALTER knew there was a percentage had been claimed; he did not remember more than one conversation with SOUTHWICK as to the way the percentage was to be divided; but he remembered that conversation distinctly; SOUTHWICK said he was to receive five per cent; and the balance was to go to Mr. MILLER. The witness recollected a conversation with SOUTHWICK relative to the possibility of getting extra fees or perquisites in the Insurance Department, beyond the salary of the office; he was not certain whether it was before or after Mr. MILLER came into office; that conversation occurred; SOUTHWICK called upon him and asked if he knew of any perquisites belonging to the Insurance Department, and if he did not pay a percentage to the Insurance Superintendent; the witness told SOUTHWICK that he had no such knowledge; a conversation was had about an assessment of clerks in the Department; it was hard to recollect at this moment the time when conversations were held; SOUTHWICK asked who were the best clerks to retain in the Department, and the witness replied that Col. ATWOOD and Mr. ROBINSON were, in his opinion, indispensable; Mr. KEMP was not so valuable a clerk, but as he was a young man it could be could be retained it would be good; he told SOUTHWICK he had had no conversation with Col. ATWOOD about percentages or perquisites, but if the, were any ATWOOD would know of them; SOUTHWICK asked the witness if the Colonel ever spoke to him about the matter, the subject; subsequently the witness asked Col. ATWOOD, who replied that he knew of none, as there had never been any to his knowledge; witness asked ATWOOD if he knew when there could be any made, and he replied he knew of nothing except the examination of companies he had examined for general, and they were generally inclined to pay liberally, although the Superintendent would not allow any charge except the ordinary expenses; if any one wanted to make money, ATWOOD said, that was the only point; this conversation the witness subsequently reported to SOUTHWICK; in reply to Mr. TOBEY the witness said that after delivering the bills to SOUTHWICK, if he found them at all again, it was in the Insurance Department; he found one or two there; he had no recollection of any conversation with MILLER about SOUTHWICK; he called at the Department to see if the bills were correct, and if they were not he had in the bills more than they ought to be, he had demanded new ones, which he rendered to Mr. MILLER himself.

MR. MILLER'S RIGID CROSS-EXAMINATION.

The witness, in reply to Mr. MILLER, said he had been sworn twice before; had been examined at Albany, and the last time he testified was several weeks ago; he had never conversed with any one on the subject of the investigation before the first examination, she had at that time answered the questions put to him; at the second examination he had made some changes in his testimony, as on one examination he only remembered one conversation with SOUTHWICK, while at the other he had said that he had had three. These conversations had resulted in the payment of the twenty-five per cent; CHARLOCK WEED is a member of the firm of WEED, PARSONS & CO.; he had not seen Mr. WEED since the last examination, and had not conversed with GEORGE DAVISON, WILLIAM BARNES or any one else on the subject; appeared before the Committee at the time because being in New-York on business, he had been summoned this morning by a young man as he was leaving the St. Nicholas Hotel; had talked with Mr. BARNES chiefly but Mr. WEED particularly on the subject; Mr. WEED did not complain of the manner in which he gave his testimony; he had been requested by Mr. BARNES to collect his bills in Albany to see a letter which the had received from the Work, called on Mr. WEED's house on Monday to see him, and met Mrs. WEED instead; Mr. WEED had returned home; he had not seen Mr. WEED since; he had not been employed by Mr. JOHNSON through Judge BARNARD's influence; he had heard of a loan from the Company of $7,000 to GOODELL BROS.; but was not aware that it was connected with the examination, nor could he tell whether or not it had been paid; he had heard, prior to the testimony of Mr. WEED, in which the Knickerbocker Company was put down for $3,000 toward the Milton Lake bill; but had no recollection of any such sum being paid for that purpose; about that time a check was given to Mr. JOHNSON for some, but he understood it was for legal expenses; as was positive that no check was given to Judge BARNARD; he thought it no reason to suppose that the check to Mr. JOHNSON was for any other purpose than legal expenses; there is no entry of any such amount paid to any person between December 1870 and May, 1871, under the head of "taxes or otherwise." Tobey, Hamilton and Barnes all closely questioned the witness, but his testimony was not materially changed.

CHARLES R. PEASE, Secretary of the United States Life Insurance Company, was called by Mr. BARNES to testify as his knowledge concerning the subscription of his Company to the Milton Lake bill. He testified that he counter-signed a check for $3,000 on the 20th of Feb., 1871, when he first entered on the duties of his office, no check for $3,000 had been given for any such purpose; he has no knowledge of any check being given for such a purpose, and he could find no such check indicating such a payment; he recollected signing a check for $3,000 payable to the order of Mr. JOHN T. BELL, Vice-President of the Bank of New-York and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Life Insurance Company; he could not find the check, and could not say how it was used, as it was not stated on the stub; several checks are charged on the stub check-book to legal expenses, and the usual journal are employed; there is no record of a check paid to J. H. GOODELL for such an amount.

SENATOR PIERCE'S $5,000 CHECK.

H. E. MARVIN, JR., Receiver of the Home Fire Insurance Company of New-Haven, was called by Mr. BARNES. He testified that his appointment as receiver was made on Jan. 9, 1871, and the appointment was confirmed late in the month; three-fourths of the real estate had been sold; the liabilities, aside of the capital, will amount to $800,000; this is exclusive of those secured by special deposits, which amount to $1,000,000; the expenses for settlement will add from $50,000 to $60,000 more to the liabilities; the assets, beyond the special deposits, will not exceed $[illegible], and it is expected that, if there is no unforeseen accident, a dividend of fifteen per cent may be declared; he had found an entry under date of June 14, 1870, as follows:

By expenses Hewitt & Pierce, against said services	[illegible]

The witness knew nothing about the payment of this money, or what it was paid for; the premium receipts from July 1 to December, 1870, were $[illegible], and the losses $[illegible]; the losses on the new premiums were but $[illegible]; if the Company had continued to June 1, 1871, it would have been sufficient to pay the liabilities without including the capital; did not know the value of the stock prior to Mr. MILLER's first examination of the condition of the Company, but after the reduction of the capital the shares were sold at all prices; until before the failure they were sold at par; as far as he knew, [illegible]

In answer to Mr. MILLER, the witness said he had been a stockholder at the Company for some time, and was elected a director on June 13, 1870; about the same time he was elected Vice-President; although holding these offices he had no greater pecuniary interest in the Company than before; when he first entered the office he believed the Company to be in a better condition than he afterward found it; he remembered Mr. MILLER being in the Company's office with Mr. BURNELL, during September, 1870; there was a great amount of issuing, and it was asked of him that he should sign the bills, but he had no reason to believe the Superintendent had been purposely imposed upon, and the statements was drawn up from the books as they stood; revaluations were afterward made which could not have been ascertained from the books; the extent of condition of the Company was not found out until December; the witness had hoped to carry the Company through the bills, but upon the old and not new business; it would have been impossible to have found out the condition of the Company by any examination of the books.

The investigation was again adjourned until 10½ o'clock this morning.

A Ship Supposed to be Lost.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 6.—The steamer *James L. Gary*, which arrived at this port last evening, from Newbern, N. C., brought Capt. HOFFMAN and crew, of the American ship *Mystic*, which foundered at sea, at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, five miles south of Cape Henry, and twelve miles from land. The *Mystic* sailed from this port for Boston, and was caught in the storm of Saturday. At 2 o'clock Friday morning, the brig having her masts and jibboom carried away and being in a sinking condition, Capt. HOFFMAN, with his wife and crew, took to the small boat and remained near the brig till she went down, at 6 o'clock. They then made for the land, but were picked up by the *Gary*, about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Nothing was saved from the wreck.

Sudden Deaths.

The following cases of sudden death were reported at the Coroner's office yesterday:

CATHERINE CAMPBELL, aged twenty-four, at No. 161 Greene-street. JULIA DEAGAN, aged eighty-four, at No. 448 West Thirty-ninth-street. SARAH MERRITT, aged one month, at No. 220 East Eleventh-street. AMITY DEBING, aged fifty, colored, at No. 120 Crosby-street. THOMAS ALLEN, aged fifteen months, at No. 312 West Fifty-first-street. TIMOTHY FORD, aged seventy-five, at No. 61 Rivington-street.

WILLIAM S. CROSBY, aged forty-eight, hackman's name, died at the Chambers-street Police Station Yesterday afternoon. CROSBY had been a confirmed "bummer," and death resulted from intemperance.

JAMES MCDONALD, aged forty-five, died suddenly yesterday at No. 1 College-place, from intemperance. The deceased had been a soldier, and was discharged last Fall. He had been in this City since the early part of January, and had been drunk continually since that time. Death resulted from intemperance.

Explosion in a Store.

At 11½ o'clock yesterday morning, while LOUIS MAGNUS, the proprietor of a drug store at No. 57 Eldridge-street, was preparing a quantity of opodeldoc in an air vessel on top of a stove, an explosion occurred, supposed to have been caused by the application of excessive heat. The front windows of the store were blown out and demolished, and the furniture in the room was set on fire. MAGNUS was terribly burned about the head and face. Dr. KAHN, who was in the store at the time, narrowly escaped injury, and proceeded in extinguishing the fire. He then dressed the injuries of MAGNUS, which are of a serious nature. The building and contents are damaged to the extent of $600, and are fully insured.

Wood Virginia Constitutional Convention.

CHARLESTON, West Va., March 6.—The Constitutional Convention yesterday adopted a system of County Courts, similar to the system provided in the Constitution of 1870. Each county may, however, have a court of the same jurisdiction as held by a single Judge of Common Pleas.

The report of the Committee on Corporations recommends a revision on the subject of railroads, copied from the Constitution of Illinois.

TRIAL OF MAYOR HALL.

Seventh Day's Proceedings of the Trial for Malfeasance.

Additional Testimony of Stephen C. Lynes—The Missing Vouchers—Examination of William S. Copeland.

The trial of Mayor HALL for malfeasance in office in neglecting to audit a claim of A. J. GARVEY in connection with the building of the new Court-house, was resumed yesterday morning, before Judge DALY. The prosecution was represented by Messrs. Clinton, Peckham, Truesdale and Sullivan, and Messrs. Stoughton, Burrill, Smith, Shafer, Vanderpool and Buckley defended Mayor HALL. The examination of Mr. STEPHEN C. LYNES, County Book-keeper, was resumed.

Mr. PECKHAM again offered in evidence the warrant presented to A. J. GARVEY.

Mr. BURRILL understood that the warrant was offered to the Court alone for its information as to whether the vouchers on which it was issued were lost, and ought not to be read to the jury.

Mr. PECKHAM claimed that any evidence which went to the jury in the matter was prejudicial to the defendant, and should not be received except on strict legal grounds. This was essentially a criminal prosecution, and the Court could dismiss the jury and hear the objection alone. He said the defense took the ground that no offense was charged by the indictment.

Mr. TRUESDALE then stated he would for the present only offer the evidence to the Court, reserving hereafter the right to offer it in the main issue to the jury.

Mr. LYNES' testimony was then continued:

Q.—Will you state whether warrants of that description, and those of your office, differed from those purporting to be noted upon the Commissioner of Audits? A.—There was only one form used for the payment of all warrants; the amount to which the warrant was to be charged was expressed on the margin; a warrant, such as that, was used for no other purpose than to pay claims against the City passed upon by the Board of Audit.

Q.—At what period in the routine of the business was your signature, as register, written upon the face of it? A.—As the time I entered it upon the audit book the papers became known as a voucher.

Q.—Could you keep an account of the record of vouchers or claims for Fiscal Habilities? A.—Yes, Sir, I did keep it myself, personally; I have that account and book now before me; that account is kept on pages 407, 408 and 409.

Q.—State when this account commenced and when it ended? A.—It was commenced at the time it purported to be commenced, and ended also at the time it purports to end; the entries were made at the time they bear date; the column under the "record number" refers to the corresponding number on the voucher, and the column "to whom" refers to the party who made out the bill against the city; the entries under the heading for what describe in general terms the character of the bill; the column "amount" shows the corresponding amount in the voucher; the writing in mine; the word "here" in pencil under the head of "remarks" refer to the vouchers that were not stolen; I don't know whether it was made before or after the robbery of the office.

Q.—State what the entries under the head of "remarks" represent? A.—The footing up of the whole account; those entries were made at the time they represent and in the ordinary course of business.

Q.—State what the entries under the heading "voucher No." refer to? A.—From the original book and audit book.

Q.—State whether the figures under the heading "voucher No." refer to corresponding numbers in the audit book? A.—They do in every instance.

Q.—Referring to audit book No. 3, page 386, under the heading, County Habilities and June 6, state whether those entries were made and copied? A.—You ask me how they are copied; they are correct transcripts of the original papers; the numbers referred to nothing else than the numbers on the record book which are copied from the vouchers; all entries in the record book are copied from the vouchers.

Q.—Was there any exception to that rule? A.—None that I remember.

Q.—Will you look at this audit book and state what the figures under the "audit number" represent? A.—They represent the items of the voucher; and are copied as the other items are copied; the column under "whom payable" and "for what" represent the name of the paper in whose interest the claim is made and a general statement of the claim; when I made these entries from the warrant I had the voucher; also; the figures under the head "amount" corresponded with the amount of the warrant, and "total amount" a winding up of each day's transactions.

Q.—Look at the warrant and tell me how you got the words written on the body of the warrant after the word "for," and under the amount for which the warrant is drawn? A.—I set a memorandum of the claim from the voucher into the signature of the claimant.

Q.—Whose business was it to make that endorsement on the outside of the vouchers? A.—It was Mr. WATSON's business, but sometimes I did it, after having opened the papers and examined them; in the case of this particular warrant I cannot state whether I or Mr. WATSON did it.

Q.—In the course of that business, in regard to the action of the Commission of Audit, did you draw any warrant except upon a voucher? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—Was there any entry made in the record book, or anything else, except there was a voucher or an instrument from which to make the entry? A.—No, Sir.

Mr. PECKHAM—Your Honor, we now offer in evidence this book of audit.

Cross-examined by Mr. BURRILL—The record of vouchers was transcript from audit book No. 6; the entries in the audit book were made by me from the warrant, also made up by me, and from nothing else.

Q.—So that the warrant gives all the information this audit book gives in regard to any particular transaction? A.—Yes, Sir; in the ordinary course of business, I filled up warrants when they were produced to me by the County Auditor; the blank to which my attention was called yesterday, and the bill to which it was attached, was attached by the County Auditor; that blank had a printed indorsement on the outside containing blank spaces for remarks relating to the bill; among other blank spaces that were left for evidence of the statement of the character of the bill to which it was attached, and ordinarily the Auditor filled up all these blanks himself.

Q.—When one of these vouchers came to you, this blank upon which that indorsement was, was the outside paper, was it not? A.—Yes, Sir, and when the blank paper was filled up by the Auditor and constituted a statement of the general character account, I drew the warrant from the indorsement; in those cases I did not examine the papers, but the indorsement, assuming that to be correct; I acted under his instructions; this stamp of the County Auditor was impressed on the outside of the indorsement; I cannot say the paper came to me; I merely examined the indorsement; in some instances I myself got the character of the bill from the papers.

Q.—Did you do anything more than glance at the papers to get a general idea of the nature of the claim? A.—That is all. To Mr. PECKHAM—Looking at the entry in audit book No. 604, I have no recollection of the particular voucher; the warrant now shown me is the warrant I refer to in the audit book.

Q.—Can you state from your knowledge of the routine of business and the entries you made there personally, whether there was or not a bill with that amount in it when you made the entry? Objected to and overruled. Question repeated. A.—There was a voucher for that amount.

Q.—What do you mean by voucher? A.—A bill with these papers attached; a voucher is supposed to be a bill made out on the blank, a certificate of audit, and a certificate for payment of the bill.

To Mr. BURRILL—I sometimes drew a warrant from the indorsement of the County Auditor on the back of the papers; I have no recollection of this warrant; in this particular instance I knew of my own knowledge when I made the entry in the audit book that there was a bill with the warrant; I only state that fact from the indorsement made up by the Auditor and myself; it could not be otherwise, or I would not have made the entry; the entry was made from the warrant and nothing else.

Q.—You say in this instance you have no recollection whether this bill was indorsed by Mr. WATSON or not? A.—No, Sir; and I made no examination to see if all the papers that constitute a voucher were attached; if Mr. WATSON had handed me a paper with this indorsement, and a number of blank papers inside, I would not have opened them to examine their character, as it was not my province to do so.

WILLIAM S. COPELAND, examined by Mr. PECKHAM, stated: I was employed in the Controller's office in January, 1870, and remained there until March, 1873; I was engaged in the County Bureau to assist Mr. LYNES, the book-keeper.

Q.—Do you know anything about the resulting balances of claims from the Board of Audit? A.—Yes; Mr. WATSON would hand the bill to Mr. LYNES to see if it was correct; he would then hand it to me; I would examine it; if Mr. WATSON had given the signature to it Mr. LYNES would again receive it and prepare it for payment.

Q.—Do you know anything about the reason for preparing a certificate of audit? A.—I never saw one signed; I saw the blank first off; and then it would be sticked; I understand it was sticked; was attached; I understand after being signed; sometimes one or three days would elapse between the filing of these papers and their signing by the Board; I never saw the Board; I never saw the Comptroller; I never saw the Comptroller; I never spoke to Mr. WATSON; I never spoke to Mr. LYNES; I never spoke to the Auditor; I only state what I have stated; I was called to draw a warrant; Mr. LYNES would hand me a warrant from the voucher and after signed it he would send it to Mr. WATSON, for the signature of the proper officials.

Q.—When the warrant was sent to be signed, the certificates were sent with it? A.—Yes; when the warrant and certificates came back signed, Mr. LYNES entered them upon the audit book; Mr. LYNES countersigned the warrant as Register; if Mr. GARVEY or INGERSOLL or any of these men were there, Mr. LYNES or Mr. WATSON gave them the warrant and obtained a receipt.

Q.—Did you have anything to do with the filing away of these vouchers? A.—I did.

Q.—Where? A.—In a closet in the office.

Q.—This was in the County department of the Controller's office? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Against the wall dividing the Controller's private room from the County department? A.—There were some of the vouchers and warrants in the case; the vouchers of 1869 were kept all together.

Q.—Were the vouchers at the examination of audit together? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you file away any vouchers yourself? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you examine them personally? A.—I looked at most of them.

Q.—Did you examine the vouchers of GARVEY? A.—I did.

Q.—Few or many? A.—Most of them; nearly all of them.

Q.—Will you state what was the condition of them when examined? Had they attached to them all the papers of which you have spoken as being attached in this routine of business? Objected to and questioned waived.

Q.—What papers composed those vouchers of GARVEY? Objected to as assuming the existence of papers which were not found to have existed. Question changed.

Q.—Do you know of any case where a warrant was drawn from the account of County liabilities except upon a claim that had been presented?

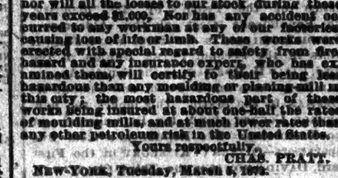
Mr. BURRILL objected. This brought them back to the original question, which was determined upon during the examination of Mr. LYNES, whether documents could be put in evidence which were not found to have been lost or that they ever really existed. He claimed that there was no proof of either, and submitted that they should be ruled out.

Judge DALY held that there was preliminary proof addressed to the Court, of the existence of these papers in the Controller's office, and their subsequent destruction. From the present he would not state his reasons for so deciding, but he was satisfied in his own mind that there was sufficient preliminary proof to justify the introduction of secondary evidence.

Mr. STOUGHTON—In deciding that there was sufficient preliminary evidence to admit secondary evidence of its contents, you do not decide that secondary evidence was necessarily admissible?

Judge DALY—All that I decide in the present case is exactly what I have stated, and which you have correctly interpreted.

Mr. PECKHAM then offered the following warrant in evidence:


To the County Treasurer of New-York
Pay at the Broadway National Bank, $4,
[illegible] No. 1,[illegible] New-York, June 5, 1870.
Pay A. J. GARVEY or order forty-one
[illegible] Dollars, for labor and materials from
County Court-house. Dec. 15, 1869.
A. OAKEY HALL,
Mayor.
RICHARD B. CONNOLLY,
Comptroller.
J. H. YOUNG,
Clerk Board of Supervisors.

Mr. BURRILL objected to the admission in evidence as irrelevant to the main issue. The indictment was specific and contained two counts, both bearing on the question of neglect of duty, and the evidence adduced must be strictly confined to that issue. He claimed that the warrant was not pertinent to the question, and argued at some length against its admissibility.

Mr. STOUGHTON said that the usual hour for adjourning was at hand, and he was desirable that he and his colleagues should come into consultation in regard to the matter, he suggested that the discussion should be adjourned to this morning.

The suggestion was acceded to, and the Court adjourned.

NOTES FROM THE P

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

How a Church Helped the Wind—Stockholders Contributing for the Good Of the Corporation.

The case of JAMES WOODS against "The Church of the Disciples of Christ," noticed in yesterday's TIMES, was continued on trial before Judge VAN BRUNT and a jury in the Court of Common Pleas. The action, as already stated, was to recover $1,451 75, being the value of a bond given in 1856 for money subscribed to the corporation in 1849. The defense was that the money bought to be recovered was an absolute subscription or gift. It appeared in evidence that at the time of making the subscription, certificates of stock were issued to each of the subscribers, including plaintiff, and the leading members of the corporation, as it now seems, thus subsequently, in 1856, the trustees, desiring to substitute bonds secured by a mortgage on the property for the original certificates of stock, prepared a petition, which was submitted to the Supreme Court, asking permission to issue the bonds, of which that in suit is one. This petition was sworn to by several of the defendants, who included in the process, and set forth that the corporation was actually indebted to the various persons holding similar certificates or bonds in lieu thereof, and that the plaintiff was one of the persons to whom the corporation was indebted, and sworn to that the object was that the corporation might be properly under the control of the original subscribers as against the new members who subsequently joined the society, and that therefore the original petition presented to the Supreme Court was not true when it asserted that the debts therein named were actually owing by the corporation. In submitting to the jury the question, Judge VAN BRUNT, in addition to calling their attention to the question which they had to decide as to whether this money was a loan from the plaintiff to the corporation and not recoverable back, or whether it was an absolute gift, took occasion to characterize the conduct of the defendants in relation to the petition presented to the Supreme Court in 1856 as follows:

I have never been more astonished in my life than at a statement which has been made since during the progress of this cause, and I think it would be a very old Lawyer who would not be astonished at the idea that at the time of making the subscription, certificates of stock were issued to each of the subscribers, including plaintiff, and the leading members of the corporation, as it now seems; that

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WALLACK'S THEATRE.—THE VETERAN—Mr. Lester Wallack, Miss Ada Gilman.

ST. JAMES' THEATRE.—MARMIAGE—Mr. Mackaye and Miss Griswold.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—JULIUS CÆSAR—Mr. Edwin Booth and Mr. William Creswick.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—DIVORCE—Characters by company.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY—Mr. G. L. Fox and Kinsly Troupe.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES AND CURIOSITIES—Afternoon and Evening.

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In less than four years the Erie Ring—JAY GOULD & Co.—succeeded in increasing the capital and debt of the Erie Road by the enormous sum of $65,304,380. They have never rendered any account of the disposal of this money. The income of the road was reduced in the same period from $1,048,900 to $118,988. It is well known that a large part of the money which went into the hands of the Ring was stolen. Ought not these facts to have some weight with the Legislature? The lobbyists—some of them well known in New-York—are hard at work for JAY GOULD. Are they to be successful?

Rumors of all kinds of combinations to defeat the Seventy's charter in the Senate are rife. We have no doubt that some of these combinations will be made. But we hope they will be of no avail. The charter may not be perfect; but it is an intelligent attempt to secure permanent good government. It has a popular support, greater in extent, and embracing more varied classes, than any other could possibly have. Is it not entitled to a trial, and a trial not too long delayed?

The Committee appointed by the Senate, to investigate the sales of arms to alleged French agents, will probably be under the chairmanship of Ex-Vice-President HAMLIN. Although it does not include the aspiring and conspiring SCHURZ, we believe it to be a fair Committee, and one that will discover the truth. Having discovered it, if it calls for action, the Committee will not, we trust, repeat the blunder of SCHURZ's Retrenchment Committee, and fail to recommend action to the Senate. The people want the exact truth, as a basis for legislation, if necessary, and not merely to furnish campaign documents for the Democrats.

Our readers, whether specially interested in politics or not, will find the letter of our special correspondent in New-Hampshire worth their attention. It contains a very clear abstract of the speech of Hon. JAMES F. WILSON, of Iowa, at Concord, which had the rare merits of candor, point, and logical force. It would be an excellent exercise for any who contemplate attending the Cincinnati Convention to undertake to answer the questions suggested by Mr. WILSON. The first straw of the probable result on Tuesday next was afforded yesterday by a local election in New-Castle, which the Republicans carried by an increased majority over last Spring.

By the resolutions of its National Conventions, or by the votes of its representatives in Congress, the Democratic Party has failed to give a single unequivocal expression in support of the financial good faith of the nation. No tax is so burdensome as that imposed by a low condition of public credit. Is the Democratic Party likely to improve the public credit?

Too Much of a Bad Thing.

After having labored for weeks together to convey the impression that the President's Secretary was interested in the General Order business, the *Tribune* now coolly assures its readers that the denial of that charge by the Secretary himself is "not material," "and does not appreciably affect the case." It heads its report, "No new points made," and allows its mendacious correspondent at Washington to say that "PORTER's manner did not favorably impress those who listened to his testimony"—a gratuitous piece of impertinence. To a person bent on maliciously, and in a cowardly way, slandering another, the truth is not material, and no amount of facts can appreciably affect the treatment of the case. It can make little difference to the slanderer whether the object of his attacks is guilty or innocent. With the general public it is otherwise. To them the testimony of Gen. PORTER not only "appreciably affects the case," it decides it. Seeing that positively no evidence exists worthy of credence involving Gen. PORTER in any way with the General Order business, and seeing that he now expressly denies any connection with it, the public will drop the matter. The *Tribune* and its ally, the *World*, may keep up a steady fire of assertion, but they will gain nothing but well-deserved contempt.

Nor will the *Tribune* find its profit in meeting every act and word of the President by an insinuation of unworthy motive. When it intimates that the President's frank and explicit letter to Mr. MURPHY, telling him to grant no offices to any one who claimed them in his name, was a subterfuge, adopted after the President's favorites were installed, it does a dishonest thing, which the public will readily know how to appreciate. Let us look at the facts. It is proved that every statement made by the *Tribune*, about the connection of the President's Secretary with the General Order business, is a slander. Gen. PORTER swears positively that he never was interested in that business, and never derived a cent from it, directly or indirectly. "No new point made," cries the *Tribune*. If it means that no new point was made on its side of the question, it tells the truth. The *Tribune* asserted that LEET had paid several thousand dollars to the "military mess" at Washington. It is in evidence that the largest sum he ever paid was $59 45. It is in evidence that Mr. GREENELL wrote a letter testifying that no one about the Executive Mansion was ever interested in the General Order business—whereas the *Tribune* made the opposite assertion. It adopts its usual course of giving a false impression of the very news which it publishes by prefacing it with dishonest headlines and comments. Is it any wonder that Democrats throughout the country are subscribing to the *Tribune* as the best representative and advocate they have? The following facts, communicated to us by a trustworthy correspondent, speak for themselves:

"At one of the Post-offices in the County of Yates, the club subscription of the *Tribune* having been reduced to a very small number, (the TIMES having been substituted in their place,) the Democrats in the vicinity took the matter in hand and filled up the club to about its usual number, doubtless considering it to be the most malignant, if not the most effective, opponent of the Republican Party and Administration. I have this information from a gentleman of the highest character."

Superintendent Miller's Idea of Statistics.

Superintendent MILLER assured the Legislative Committee on Monday that, in a general way, he was rather more sorry for what he had left undone than for anything he had done in the course of his official connection with the Insurance Department. The statement was made during an argument over the arbitrary way in which the Great Western Company was closed up, and the reckless haste with which its affairs were hurried into the hands of a Tammany receiver. The State Superintendent had the choice of two methods, familiar to insurance actuaries, by which the value of this Company's assets could have been ascertained and its solvency tested. To choose the most oppressive of these two methods was a course which the law allowed him, and though exposing him to the condemnation of the experts in the business, and producing incalculable harm to three-fourths of the remaining Companies of the State, was yet a proceeding whose demerits the general public could hardly appreciate. But when MILLER leaves his defensive attitude in the matter, and insults public understanding by professing that the appointment of a Tammany receiver had nothing to do with the enormous depreciation of the Company's assets, he displays an amount of impudence which his friend, Judge BARNARD, might envy. MILLER has no regrets to waste upon the companies he has closed; his sole compunction is that he did not stop more of them. It was such an easy way to help one's friends by preparing snug receiverships for them, with unlimited fees and very little work, that MILLER is naturally sorry that he did not make more of his opportunities, now that they appear to be about to pass away forever. When we come to reflect upon the growing scarcity of quiet and profitable employments for young men of the calibre of Wm. M. TWEED, Jr., we can fully appreciate the strength of the regrets of the benevolent State Superintendent.

We presume that among the chief regrets of Mr. MILLER may rank that famous "Life bill" which bore his name, and to assist whose passage $50,000 was subscribed, but which, strange to say, did not pass. The provisions of this bill seem to have been eminently satisfactory to some half dozen of companies. They could not, apparently, trust it, however, to pass on its own merits. The way had to be greased before it could be expected to slide into law, and the State Superintendent appears to have officiated as chief greaser. The Mutual Life Company had, obviously, implicit confidence in MILLER's capacity for this duty. They sent him $2,500 as their contribution to the greasing fund, "to be expended in such legitimate and proper way" as his judgment might direct. The other companies which contributed to the "fund" have been only partially heard from. Mr. WETMORE, Vice-President of the Security Life Insurance Company, testified to the amounts set down against the name of each of the subscribing companies. His own Company gave $1,500 in a check drawn to order of Mr. LAWRENCE. The Knickerbocker Company gave a check for $3,000 to the order of HENRY W. JOHNSON, attorney and counselor-at-law, who had certain transactions with Deputy Attorney-General HAMMOND, which he declined fully to explain. This check was drawn for "legal services," and can only be inferentially identified with the Knickerbocker's contribution to the Miller "fund," which was for a similar amount. Then, again, the United States Company figured for $2,500 in the list of subscribers to the fund. Curiously enough, there was a check for this amount drawn to the order of CHAS. E. BELL, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Company—which check the Secretary of the Company was unable to produce. The Equitable, the New-York, and the Continental were also on the list of subscribers to the greasing fund, but no evidence has yet been produced to show to whom they paid the money.

Whoever was the final recipient of the realized proceeds of the fund, it was clearly not enough to produce the desired effect upon the votes of the Legislature of 1871. Perhaps the "legitimate and proper way" of its disposal, indicated by the President of the Mutual Company, rather interfered with the mode of distribution; perhaps it came through too many hands before reaching the Legislature; perhaps all the subscribers did not pay up. It is needless, however, to waste hypotheses over the mysterious fund. Mr. MILLER has shown the most admirable promptitude in giving full personal explanations in the course of the inquiry, and will doubtless speak out at the proper moment in order to elucidate this matter. So far, it has afforded the public with an instructive example of how legislation was hatched by an Insurance Superintendent who wanted to have the younger companies of the State at his mercy. At present, the accounting for the ultimate disposal of the fund appears to rank among Mr. MILLER's sins of omission.

Milton as a Landscape Architect.

The public has good reason to rejoice that the Central Park was rescued from the control of HILTON and SWEENY, just in time to save our great pleasure-ground from ruin at the hands of those vandals and ignoramuses. Though during their administration an expenditure of two and a quarter millions of dollars was charged against the Park, yet very little was done, except to lay out plans for botching the designs of the original competent landscape architects. The public will perhaps bear the loss of the money without many loud regrets, and even forget it in its delight and thankfulness that, though thrown away it was not used, as the additional money the Ring Commissioners expected to spend would have been used, to absolutely destroy the symmetry of the original design, and substitute such an inartistic jumble as HILTON would have preferred.

It will be remembered that when SWEENY, HILTON and FIELDS assumed control of the Central Park, Messrs. OLMSTED & VAUX, its original designers and architects, were retained as professional advisers of the Board; that they made a written report of the purpose and design of the work they had done. When, many months afterward, these eminent landscape architects learned that, directly in the face of their report and its suggestions, radical changes had been determined on, they again addressed SWEENY, the President of the Board, asking an opportunity to examine the new scheme and submit a report on it. Of this, they received only a formal acknowledgment, and no action was taken on their request. Thereupon, finding that the Board not only disregarded its engagement with them as its professional advisers, but also was not disposed to treat with ordinary courtesy the men who had designed the Park, and for fourteen years ably continued the execution of their plan, Messrs. OLMSTED and VAUX resigned their position, and for a year thereafter this ignorant and insolent Board was left to pursue its course unobstructed by the criticisms and suggestions of these gentlemen.

At this time the work most imperatively demanded was the improvement of the outskirt ground of the Park; but the Board, ambitious of displaying its very peculiar taste, could not restrain itself from the task of remedying numerous "defects" which that eminent landscape artist, HILTON, had discovered in the plans so far pursued. These changes not only involved the further expenditure of millions of dollars, but they were of a class with many which had been suggested from the very inception of the Park by people ignorant, like HILTON, of the scope and intention of the design so carefully adjusted. Fortunately, as we have said, although in some occult way they contrived to spend great sums of money on the Park, the Ring Board still had made but few changes in the line of their criticisms when they were driven from their offices. Let us see what some of those changes were.

The beautiful "Dairy," originally designed as an attachment to the "Children's District," was wrested from its original purpose, and turned into a common eating-house; the stable for the cows became a paint-shop, and by a singularly stupid alteration of the landscape plan, the harmonious adjustment of the building with its surroundings was totally destroyed, and what had been the loving work of an artist's eye was brutally altered and disfigured. The "Sheep-fold," however, is perhaps the most conspicuous accomplishment of SWEENY and HILTON. In the first place, it has been put in a situation to directly violate the harmonious plan on which the Park was laid out, which was, in brief, to make its architectural features subsidiary to its landscape effect. This building stands on a slight elevation, where, in the original design, a bay of the principal meadow view from the north point of the Mall was intended to become dim under large trees, which were also to hide the buildings on the Eighth-avenue, which lies sixty paces beyond. Instead of that artistic treatment of the landscape, we have now a great glaring structure, suggesting, more than anything else, in its general aspect, an English parochial school, and which has cost seventy thousand dollars. Though the annual report tells us that the "Sheep-fold" is expected to be "a great attraction to all classes"—and though, besides its ostensible purpose of furnishing shelter *at night* and in severe Winter weather, for the sheep used to keep down the grass on the adjoining green, it has pavilions at the ends designed as shelters for visitors—yet it can only be reached by pedestrians, after crossing the bridle-road on the surface, and at a point where, owing to the grades and curves, an equestrian is likely to ride over intending explorers of the "Sheep-fold," for he cannot see persons crossing before him until too close upon them to pull up a swift and spirited horse.

These are but samples of the ignorance of the Ring Commissioners, whose vandalism was well illustrated by their brutal destruction of the work to which Prof. WATERHOUSE HAWKINS gave such patient labor and rare scientific knowledge. They are enough, however, to show in how great peril the Central Park stood so long as it was in their power.

Consider the Cannibals.

It is singular that persons should excite interest in the public mind solely because of their peculiarities of diet. No one gazes with admiration at Mr. GREELEY because he once preached the dietary gospel of Graham bread; neither does the reckless man who eats mince-pie at a railway station, win our enthusiasm by that daring act. It is true that an ancient lyric commends to youthful admiration the conduct of an old lady "who lived upon nothing but victuals and drink;" but the mature mind declines to admit that this aged person's conduct was in any way extraordinary. As a rule, it may be conceded that no man cares what another man eats. Nevertheless, a showman of this City is now exhibiting to the public a company of savages, whose sole claim to attention is the fact that they practice the precept—

"The proper diet of mankind is man."

People go to see these savages simply because they are said to have dined in happier days on the roasted Fiji warrior, and the baked or pickled Fiji baby. Why the cannibal should interest people who care nothing for the purely vegetarian, or the loosely omnivorous person, is by no means clear.

Of course those who stare at the cannibals regard them as hideously degraded savages. It would, on the other hand, be interesting to know what the cannibals think of us. As yet they are new to our customs, but they have already eaten in our boarding-houses, and drank in our bar-rooms. What if they know the dark mystery of the hash, and have learned the deadly secret of the Irish stew? Must they not, from the loftier morality of cannibalism, look with disdain upon the man who is imposed upon by those inscrutable dietary pretences, and with horror on the boarding-house keeper who cynically places them before his victims? They have drank the fiery liquids seasoned with sulphuric acid, and strengthened with strychnine, wherewith the civilized white man converts himself into an exaggerated savage. When the cannibals compare our drinks with their simple diet, must they not feel that the nation which intoxicates itself upon adulterated whisky is not entitled to preach morality to the Pagans who feast with moderation upon the succulent infant? If even from the slight knowledge they have already acquired they must necessarily look upon us as depraved barbarians, what will be their estimate of us when they have learned to know us more intimately?

When that time has come, the cannibals will know that for years the people of this City permitted a gang of robbers to live and grow fat, not by occasionally eating a worthless Alderman, previously fattened for the table, but upon the produce of the brains and the labor of the entire community; that when a gallant soldier had saved the nation, men calling themselves more intelligent, moral, and patriotic than their neighbors, set themselves, not to comfortably kill and honorably eat him, but to take from him his hard-earned reputation and his spotless character, in order to wantonly tear them in shreds and trample them in the mire; that throughout the land men are butchered on railways and scalded on steamboats, not for the modest tables of the poor, but from drunken recklessness and cold carelessness of life. When the cannibals have learned these and other like facts, will they not mourn over us as a barbarous race, mysteriously shut out from the elevating influences of cannibalism, and long to return to the land where death is the staff of life, and the fattening of his fellows the first duty of the prudent man?

But they are not to return;—so says the showman who exhibits them. He has hired them only for a limited period and given bonds to an enormous amount for their safe return to the larder of the King, whose property they are. Nevertheless, he announces that his bond shall be forfeited, whatever may be the penalty, ere some of his dear young cannibal friends shall be given up to the ovens and gridirons of the holder of his bond. The certainty that the Fiji King will see the showman on his forfeited bond, and receive his cannibals by an action of trover and conversion in the United States Circuit Court, must be conceded before the true nobility of the showman's conduct can be appreciated. But though the heathen King should rage, and the Fiji lawyers imagine any quantity of vain proceedings in his behalf, the cannibals now in this City will remain under the Christianizing influences of the great Moral Caravan. Already the beauties of the burlesque drama are teaching them the virtues of modesty and the decencies of dress, and the trapeze gymnasts are inculcating in their savage breasts a reverence for life. It is not impossible that, in the course of years, they will become as civilized as other immigrants to this country, and celebrate the annual festival of their chief deity, with a successful imitation of the noisy orgies of St. Patrick's Day.

The Philadelphia Convention and Mr. Greeley.

There is a good deal of feeling in the Republican Party concerning HORACE GREELEY's refusal to sign the call of the National Committee for the usual nominating Convention. This feeling is particularly strong in the States where elections are pending, and where the sight of the *Tribune* distributed under Democratic franks, by Democratic committees, is not uncommon. There is, so far as we can see, room for but one opinion of Mr. GREELEY's course. It is simply an act of treachery to political obligations which were voluntarily assumed, and the general observance of which is absolutely necessary to the continued usefulness of the party. It is a practical declaration, more significant than words, that Mr. GREELEY is controlled more by his prejudices and passions than by his desire to see the right and just cause win.

The National Committee is nothing more nor less than a piece of machinery, contrived to render the continuous and consistent action of the party possible. Its duties are divided into two portions—the supervision of the campaign following the Convention by which it is selected, and the determination of the place and time for holding the next National Convention. The first part of its duties the present National Committee discharged three years since. All that remained for it to do, was to provide for the meeting of the representatives of the party to consult in regard to the nominations, and the declaration of principles on which the party should go before the people in the Presidential election of this year. It is plain that if the party is to exist at all—if it is to make any effort whatever to impress its principles upon the government of the country,—this simple action of the National Committee must be taken. It is difficult to see how any one whose duty it was to share in that action, could undertake to prevent it, unless he had made up his mind that the party ought to be dissolved, and the Government be abandoned to the Democrats, who stand ready to seize it at the first opportunity. If all the members of the National Committee had chosen to do as Mr. GREELEY did—to refuse to take part in selecting the time and place of the National Convention, and to refuse to sign the call for one, there would have been an end of the Republican organization for the time being. Practically a near approach to anarchy in the party must have been the result, and the severest possible blow would have been dealt to the principles the Republican Party represents.

Every one must see that with the members of the National Committee it was not a question of whom the party should nominate, or what principles it should announce; it was only a question whether the party should nominate any one, and whether it should absolutely surrender all the principles it ever professed, and take no steps to avow new ones. Moreover, this was a question which the highest authority in the party—its representatives in the last National Convention—had decided beforehand, and that decision the National Committee had no right to undertake to abrogate. The very existence of the Committee grew out of the purpose of the party to maintain its organization. The Committee was appointed for that chiefly. To decline to perform that plain duty is something as indefensible as for a Presidential elector to refuse to assist in casting the vote of his State. If any member of the Committee could not attend to its duties, it was his business to resign, and give an opportunity for the selection of some one who could. But to remain in the Committee and decline to act with it was to betray a trust perfectly well defined, and compulsory in its nature.

It surely cannot be said that Mr. GREELEY's independence would not allow him to do otherwise than he did. That would be forcing the doctrine of independence beyond all reason. Mr. GREELEY is, as every man who hopes to influence political action must be, a partisan. He has often acknowledged and enforced the principles of partisan obligations. He knows as well as any one what are the necessities of associated action, and he has exhausted the "men and brethren" of his party to observe them, times without number. He is even an extreme partisan. He did not hesitate, for instance, in the name of the party, to denounce Senators GRIMES and FESSENDEN for their action in the impeachment trial, with a bitterness that utterly ignored the claims of individual independence, or even of official duty. And he has been known to assail his friend HANK SMITH for partisan derelictions, with a severity which that gentleman's swindling of the widows and orphans' depositors in the Bowling-green Savings Bank has never for a moment called forth.

We point to these facts in order to say that any force that may be claimed for Mr. GREELEY's abuse of the Republican Administration on the ground that he is at the present moment a representative Republican, cannot be fairly allowed. In his present attitude, Mr. GREELEY has been untrue to the simplest obligations of a Republican. He has betrayed one of the most important trusts a Republican could receive, and one concerning which he had had left to him no discretion. He has done what he could, as the representative of the Republican Party in its highest Executive Committee, to interrupt the organization of the party. Whatever he says or does politically must be interpreted in the light of this fact, and in the light of this fact his political sayings and doings are of small importance, except to those few persons who think, with himself, that HORACE GREELEY is the best man to be the next President of the United States.

The Massachusetts Insurance Report.

An approximate idea of the result of the fire insurance business of 1871 may be gathered from a preliminary report recently published by the Massachusetts Insurance Department. While the Boston and other local Massachusetts companies not engaged in an agency business are able to make even a better showing than they made at the end of 1870, the agency companies, whether of Massachusetts or other States, are compelled, almost without exception, to put in a sorry appearance as compared with a year ago. This is best exhibited by the following comparison between the surplus shown by certain prominent companies at the close of the two years, 1870 and 1871. It is proper to premise that, besides this discounting of surplus and capital on the part of existing companies, very many (not less than fifty) others have disappeared entirely from the scene, without being able to pay their liabilities to policy-holders, not to speak of returning a dollar of capital to their unfortunate stockholders.

As we find the figures reported by the Massachusetts Insurance Commissioner, the prominent agency companies of the country thus report their income, Expenditures and surplus on the 31st of December last:

Company.	Income in 1871.	Expenditures in 1871.	Surplus Dec., 1871.	Surplus Dec., 1870.
Ætna	$6,462,794	$6,837,472	.....	$910,833
Andes	2,296,813	2,321,377	.....	69,064
Commerce, Albany	688,726	624,713	67,070	116,957
Continental	1,311,764	2,300,000	33,338	1,400,338
Franklin	1,595,020	1,445,209	422,495	1,021,842
Hartford	2,114,149	2,076,019	15,152	610,600
Home	4,626,021	4,073,450	607,600	564,751
Phœnix, New-York	3,579,122	3,454,347	124,825	1,000,760
International	671,571	1,258,584	22,095	297,808
Phœnix, Hartford	1,885,111	2,076,978	29,024	371,613
Underwriters' Agency Companies	2,059,267	3,045,400	1,527	862,629
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	$1,290,749	$7,587,111

Investment in 1871—Ætna, $954,718; Andes, $102,132. Total, $1,056,850.

Included in the income of these companies is the sum of $5,000,000, or thereabouts, paid in by stockholders to repair capital or increase capital. So that, when this amount is deducted, as it should be, we find that upon receipts of $21,625,435, these particular companies were called upon to pay $20,095,309, and that at the end of the year they were compelled to report (notwithstanding the $5,000,000 additional capital paid in) less surplus, by $5,885,207, than they reported a year ago.

These figures are full of significance to the insuring public, for they represent very fairly the experience of the foremost American fire insurance companies, and show the precarious nature of the business itself. It is easy to say that the Chicago fire was an occurrence outside of the usual course, and that another such disaster may not take place while the world lasts. But, independently of the great October disaster, the fire record of 1871 was a serious one; and we presume, could the figures now be analyzed, that, leaving out the Chicago losses, the entire body of insurance companies would be found to have lost from sixty to seventy per cent. of all their premiums by the many fires which took place. It is obvious, therefore, that unless the companies are both able and willing to save up from the profits of favorable years a large surplus to meet just such extraordinary, but still possible, contingencies as the Chicago fire, insurance policies will lose their character as the symbols of complete security.

But however well disposed the most conservative underwriter may be in the direction of accumulating the surplus which the nature of the business necessitates, his ability to do this depends entirely upon the degree in which the public will co-operate with him for its own protection. Unless adequate, yes, remunerative rates of premium are cheerfully paid to the solvent companies by those who seek insurance, there can be no such thing as a margin of profit from which to pay losses and expenses and accumulate a surplus besides. Here is the lesson which the people need to lay to heart. They cannot expect to buy insurance at less than its known cost, and still procure policies which can be entirely trustworthy. Cheap policies are, as a rule, the representatives of a dubious security, and the more successful a merchant or property owner is in getting cheap insurance (as he thinks it) the greater is his failure in procuring what he really wants—certain indemnity. And, having by his own action depreciated the value of his policy, by insisting upon having it at less than it costs the company to issue and fulfill it, there will be no one but himself to blame when, by the blaze of some great conflagration, he sees the company he did his best to weaken bidding him a hurried good-by.

It will be seen that, after all, the old fashioned but unappreciated counsel of sensible underwriters had a good substratum of wisdom. When they told the public that fire insurance was selling at less than cost, the public laughed them to scorn and abused them besides. The laugh is now on the other side, although it is a somewhat ghastly smile. Let the people now study the problem for themselves; and, if underwriters will act judiciously in fixing adequate rates, and then save up a reasonable share of the profits as a permanent surplus, we do not doubt that the insuring public will meet them at least half way.

Reform Vetoes.

The Democrats of New-Hampshire passed a law requiring students to vote in the places where they pay taxes, and the faculty of Dartmouth will grant a vacation of five days next week that the students may go to their homes.

MINOR TOPICS.

The Brooklyn bridge, will, of course, benefit property on Long Island outside of the City of Brooklyn, but its chief results will be seen in the increased value of real estate in that city, and in the growth of its population. A bill is about to be introduced into the Senate authorizing the construction of a bridge across the East River at Blackwell's Island. This bridge, if built, will be of inestimable value to the northern shore of the island, and will increase the value of property along the lines of all the Long Island railways. Three of the four railways on the island have their western terminus at Hunter's Point, nearly opposite Blackwell's Island. These railways would, of course, cross any bridge that might span the river at this point, and their passengers and freight would thus be saved the delays of the ferry. Of the advantages and desirability of the proposed bridge there can be no question, though the bill authorizing its construction may possibly contain features which would demand its defeat by our tax-payers. Among the corporators named in the bill are WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, of the *Evening Post*, ORANGE JUDD, of the *Agriculturist*, and the Presidents of the South-side and North-side Railways. These are not the sort of men whose names we should expect to find connected with a "job," and there is, therefore, reason to hope that their project will be so managed as to merit the public approval.

M. POUYER-QUERTIER was beginning to be regarded as the Jonah of the somewhat motley crew sailing under the orders of President THIERS. It is rather questionable, however, if the ship will be appreciably lightened now that he has been pitched overboard. It will be somewhat difficult to find a man of equal ability so completely in accord with M. THIERS on questions of financial policy. If there is in France a more bigoted and uncompromising Protectionist than M. THIERS is M. POUYER-QUERTIER. The great cotton manufacturer was likewise a good deal more able than the chief Executive to defend his views upon tariff legislation. If M. THIERS had any ideas which were not solidified twenty years ago, he would put a man into the Ministry of Finance who was in accord with the majority of the Assembly, and the larger proportion of the commercial classes on the question of the best means to raise revenue. M. ROUHER has constituted himself the future champion of free trade in the Assembly, and as the Deputy from Corsica said the other day, a year of M. THIERS' protective policy would be an immense assistance to the return of the BONAPARTES.

The Brooklyn Aldermen passed a resolution on Monday, forbidding the conductors of street-cars to collect fares from passengers who are unprovided with seats, while they voted down an amendment forbidding persons to ride in cars in which all the seats are occupied. The overcrowding of cars is a public nuisance, but the Brooklyn Aldermen are taking precisely the way to increase rather than to abate it. They have offered to every man who is willing to stand up in a car a free ride;—a privilege of which those who are daily forced to stand, after having paid their fare, will gladly avail themselves. The result will be that the cars will be more crowded than ever, while the car companies will very properly consider that they are unjustly treated. The true course would be to forbid the car conductors to admit more passengers than they can seat, and to compel them to place gates on each end of the platforms, to be closed while the car is full. In this way all overcrowding could be prevented, while the saving in horse-flesh would go far toward compensating the companies for the loss of the fares now collected from the restless passengers who hang by the wrists from the roof of the cars, and dangle unpleasantly on the feet of those who occupy the seats.

The names of the Police Commissioners and Superintendent are now published in the lottery advertisements, as proof that those enterprises are under their official protection. Such a proceeding is an extraordinary one, and could only occur in a city disgraced by an incompetent Police Board, at the head of which is a notorious defaulter:

LOTTERY DRAWINGS—LOTTERIES PROTECTED BY THE POLICE.

J. S. ROSWORTH, HENRY SMITH, R. P. MANNING, T. J. PAGE, } Commissioners.
J. J. KELSO, Superintendent. &c. &c.

Mr. SIMON STERNE receives a very favorable notice of his book on representative government in *Fraser's Magazine* for February. The review is from the pen of Mrs. FAWCETT, wife of Prof. FAWCETT, M. P., and sister of Miss GARRETT, who was elected member of the London School Board by a large majority, by the system of minority representation, of which Mr. STERNE is one of the ablest American advocates. The fact that Mr. STERNE was largely engaged in drawing up the charter of the Committee of Seventy, makes the cordial recognition of his command of the whole subject of representation particularly interesting.

An amendment to the Appropriation bill was, yesterday, adopted in the Senate, setting apart fifty thousand dollars for the expense of carrying out the civil service reform rules. The amount is one-half that required by the bill originally introduced, and is likely to prove too little for efficient work. We hope, however, to see the defect remedied in the House. If it be not, then let the smaller amount be placed as soon as possible at the disposition of the President. It is absolutely necessary to any thorough reform.

The usual monotony of negro minstrel entertainments was somewhat varied at Milwaukee the other evening, by an attempt on the part of a fashionably-attired man in a private box to murder the "end man," who it seems had been indulging in jokes which he took to be personal. He first threw pieces of candy at the heads of the offenders, but finding that means ineffectual, he drew his revolver and was about to fire, when his lady companion gave a loud scream, and at the same moment struck up his hand. The result was a complete demoralization of the burnt-cork artists, and such a state of terror among the audience as to put the descriptive powers of the *Wisconsin's* "local" to a very severe test.

The philanthropic ladies of Hartford, Conn., have taken a very practical way of showing their sympathy for working men. They have just opened a restaurant, and have brought down the bills of prices so low as to place it within the reach of the poorest mechanic and laborer. Added to the dining saloon is a comfortable reading-room, well stocked with material from the libraries and newspaper offices. The main object is to induce men to frequent it when now spend most of their time in bar-rooms, and judging from the attendance on the opening day, the experiment promises to be completely successful.

OUR NEW SOUTH-WEST.

The question, "How shall we deal with the Indian?" is constantly rising, in one form or another. The latest phase is found in the region known as the Indian Territory, where our red brethren stand in the way of advancing civilization. Briefly stated, the case is as follows: Between the years 1817 and 1866, by a series of treaties made with five Indian tribes—the Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws and Seminoles—the whole of the Territory was parceled out into reservations for the occupancy of these tribes. In exchange for the reservations thus received, they had ceded lands in Tennessee, Georgia and other States east of the Mississippi, and the Government paid the expense of transporting them to their new homes. The limits of these reservations remained substantially unchanged until 1866. Many of the Indian tribes had taken part in the rebellion, and the changes in the reservations were mainly caused by their disloyal conduct. The Choctaws and Chickasaws ceded a portion of their reservation to the Government, and received for it the sum of $300,000. The Creeks, for $100,000, ceded the west half of their reservation, and the Seminoles, for $325,000 gave up the whole of their reservation and received 200,000 acres of land near the new western boundary of the Creek reservation. No change of boundaries was made with the Cherokees, but it was arranged that other Indian tribes might be settled on their reservation on payment of a stipulated price for the land. In the following year the Kiowas and Comanches were granted a reservation comprising nearly all the land relinquished by the Choctaws and Chickasaws, south of the Washita River, and containing about 8,000 square miles. Very soon after this arrangement was completed reservations were granted to the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, and before the end of 1868 a dozen other tribes or remnants of tribes were located in the Territory. No important changes have been made since that time, and the various reservations comprise all the Territory, except a small portion of the land purchased from the Choctaws and others in 1866, to which no Indian title has since attached.

By the terms of the treaties with the tribes originally moved into the Territory, it was stipulated that the United States should maintain the Indians in occupation of their reservations, and guarantee them in peaceable possession forever. No white settlers were to be allowed in the Territory, and the Government was not to interfere with the Indians, who were to make and execute their own laws in their own way. Substantially, the Indians were to be treated as separate nationalities, living within a great and powerful nation. They desired exclusiveness, and by the strict terms of the treaty they were entitled to it. But they found it to their advantage to allow white men to visit them and in many cases to marry and live among them. Instead of shutting up their country in a Chinese wall, either real or imaginary, they allowed the whites to travel through it almost at will, and they had a sufficient knowledge of the theory and practice of civilization to exact a toll from those who visited them. Some of the tribes started schools, churches, printing-presses and other adjuncts of civilization, cultivated the soil, indulged in law-suits, held slaves, and did other things not at all peculiar to the savage. North and south through the territory, there was a broad road or trail, by which many thousands of cattle were annually driven from Texas to Missouri and Kansas. There are other roads through the territory, and at some of the river-crossings there are steam ferry-boats, belonging to the Indians and to white men associating and living with them.

By the terms of the original treaties, the Government reserved the right of way for two lines of railway—one to run north and south and the other east and west. Both these roads are under construction, and the north and south line, known as the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, is nearly completed. Good faith of the Government toward the companies building this and the other road requires the speedy extinction of the Indian title, so that the country can be settled, and good faith toward the Indian requires that the title shall be honorably and equitably extinguished. A bill is now before Congress to accomplish this two-fold object.

It provides that the country now known as the Indian Territory shall be dealt with hereafter as a regularly-constituted Territory, under the name of Oklahama. The usual Territorial officers shall be appointed in the usual way; the Indian exclusiveness shall be ended by opening the country to settlement; every Indian, man, woman and child, shall receive an allotment of 160 acres of land, and have the selection of its location, the land to be inalienable for twenty years, and after that time to be sold or retained, at the pleasure of its possessor. The rest of the land in the Territory shall be sold by the Government as other public lands are sold, and the proceeds shall be held in trust for the benefit of the Indian communities to which they had been severally reserved. In this way a fund will be created, out of which the Indians may establish schools or other civilizing institutions, purchase farming implements, build railways, or do anything else that to them seemeth good. The land granted to them will be amply sufficient for all their wants as agriculturists, and the proceeds of the remaining lands can supply all other desires, including a billiard-table and piano for every family and a crying doll for every Indian baby between Red River and the Kansas boundary.

At the time of the treaties with the great tribes the Indian Territory was in the furthest corner of the United States. Texas was a Mexican province, and no one could foresee that it would soon be ours. A glance at the map of today shows the Indian Territory bounded on three sides by prosperous and rapidly growing States, and the country on the west is destined for settlement at no distant period. Under the present system the Territory is a barrier to civilization and progress, and the greatest good of the greatest number imperatively demands that all barriers shall be removed. In all civilized countries private property can be and is taken when wanted for public use. A man in Connecticut or Pennsylvania holds his farm by a guaranteed title; it is for him and his heirs forever. A public improvement demands that this farm, or a portion of it, shall be taken from him; it is taken, and the owner receives an award for the damages he has sustained. In exactly the same way the Indian Territory should be thrown open to settlement, and the tribes and people to whom it has been granted should receive a liberal and equitable award. In the past decade we have had newer and clearer definitions of the rights and duties of citizenship. The interest of the United States demands that we shall no longer have any independent nationalities on our soil, but that every man, whatever his color or race, dwelling under the shadow of our flag, shall be subject to our laws, and receive the education that makes him an intelligent citizen. The towns and villages and cities that will speedily arise in the new Territory of Oklahama, when her rich acres are opened to settlement, will give the Indian the arts of civilization a hundred fold more rapidly than he now obtains them, and will speedily extend them three hundred miles the path of empire on its westward way.

A SAMPLE OF CARDOZO'S JUSTICE.

The action taken by Judge CARDOZO in preventing all legal inquiry into the status by which FERNANDO WOOD induced the Common Council to lease from him, on behalf of the City, certain rooms at Nos. 115 and 117 Nassau-street, and in so "firing matters" as to compel the City to pay that rent, affords a striking example of the manner in which that Judge administers "the law."

It will be recollected that prior to December, 1866, these same rooms had been leased for the use of the Corporation Counsel and Attorney and Public Administrator, at the rent of $6,200 a year, but were so unfit for the purpose that the former had never attempted to occupy them. Notwithstanding this, in December, 1866, WOOD induced the Common Council to pass a resolution re-leasing them for ten years at the exorbitant rent of $12,000 a year. To accomplish this, it is alleged, he promised to pay the Common Council $21,000, and actually paid about half of it. The resolution was signed by Mayor GUNTHER, partly under the impression that it was a mere renewal of the former lease, without change in the rent, and partly under a bargain between him and the Common Council that he would sign it, if the former would vote in favor of widening Ann-street—a bargain which, of course, was illegal, and rendered the resolution void. MATHEW T. BRENNAN, the then Controller of the City, having become aware of the facts, refused to sign the lease under this resolution, in which he was upheld by the Press of the City. Corporation Counsel O'GORMAN, who was then figuring as a reformer, also professed a desire to put a stop to the fraud.

A suit was therefore commenced, in January, 1867, to set aside the lease, and to enjoin the new Controller (CORNELLY) from executing it. In this action the complaint set forth, as the gist of the action, that fraud had been used in obtaining the resolution of the Common Council. This, being denied by the answer, raised what is technically called an "issue," and an application was therefore made to have the question tried by a jury, "*of whether such resolution was obtained by fraud?*" By the system of delays and postponements with which the Ring lawyers have made the public familiar, this application was maneuvered before Judge CARDOZO, who was not only a friend and protégé of WOOD, but had been nominated by him in the Convention. It is unnecessary to say that when the case came before him he fastened upon it like a tiger, and never afterward allowed it to go out of his clutches.

Unusual efforts were made to get the motion over. Appeals were made to WOOD's counsel, even CARDOZO himself was boldly told that it was improper that he should hear it, but it was "fixed" that he should, and he did, and, by his decision, emasculated the entire action. This was done very simply, but ingeniously. The issue which the complaint alleged, and upon which the case was based, was "fraud before the *Common Council*." Judge CARDOZO quietly disregarded this and fixed the issue to be tried as to whether WOOD "corruptly agreed with the Mayor," leaving out all about the fraud in the Common Council—the only thing that could be proved, as he well knew. The case being very much as if a man should sue on a note made by Robinson, and the Court should direct the jury to decide whether such a note had been made by Smith. As this was fatal to the case, every endeavor was made, not by O'GORMAN, but by Mr. WILLIAMS, (who was acting as associate counsel for the City,) to procure a revision of CARDOZO's action, but without result. His Honor (1) not only adhering to his former action, but inserting in the order the extraordinary direction that the issue should be tried *before himself* (with a jury) on May 4, *and that the case should stand first on the calendar for that day.*

This was a characteristic action. The case belonged on the regular calendar, and could not be reached in its order for two years or more, and then should have been disposed of before whatever Judge who happened to be then sitting. From this order the City appealed. Judge SUTHERLAND granting a stay of proceedings until the appeal could be heard. At this stage of the "game," as Mr. TWEED would have expressed it, Judge BARNARD intervened, (not for the first time either,) and made an order, returnable the next day, to show cause why the stay should not be vacated, and, on this, next day, promptly vacated the stay, without even hearing Mr. WOOD's counsel, at the same time intimating that he had granted the order at CARDOZO's request.

In the meantime Judge CARDOZO had adjourned the case for a day to ascertain (1) the result of BARNARD's action. On the adjourned day, the instant after BARNARD's decision had the other business worth pursuing been disposed of, he called the case. The counsel for the City stated that, as the issue was frivolous, they would not appear, whereupon CARDOZO not only ordered a judgment by default on the issue of fraud, but ordered the rest of the case *to be heard before him at the end of six days.* At this time, it will be recollected, not only was Judge CARDOZO holding Circuit, (the case being a Special Term one,) but another Judge was actually sitting at Special Term, and another County Judge was assigned to hold that branch of the Court during June, either of whom, and not CARDOZO, were the proper persons to hear the matter. In addition, the case was not entitled to a preference, and could not have been reached in its order for a long time at the Special Term, any more than at the Circuit. Before the day fixed for the trial the appeal taken from CARDOZO's order fixing the issues came up before the General Term. As BARNARD and CARDOZO formed the majority of this tribunal, the case was forced on, in spite of the protests of Judge SUTHERLAND, the other General Term Judge, and, as the counsel for the City was sick, a default was ordered, and was clinched by O'GORMAN moving before the *same tribunal* to open it, which made the inevitable denial *res adjudicata*. The public indignation, however, at this was so outspoken that the matter was brought up in another way, but BARNARD and CARDOZO held (SUTHERLAND dissenting) that the order was *unappealable*, and so avoided considering it on its merits. On June 13, CARDOZO called this case, and stated to the counsel that he was holding the regular Special Term in place of the Judge (DANIELS) who had therefore been sitting. The case was then adjourned, and a few moments after Judge DANIELS, who was assigned to hold Special Term, (and who was ignorant of the transaction,) came in and assumed his seat on the Bench—Judge CARDOZO getting up and walking out, a living model of Judicial veracity. Judge DANIELS held that Court the rest of the week. On the morning that the case was adjourned to, CARDOZO walked into Judge DANIELS' Court and took his seat on the Bench, being obliged, on the second day's trial, to interrupt Judge DANIELS while about calling a case, which last-named Judge whereupon gathered up his papers and retired with an air of great disgust.

Being now master of the situation, he called promptly the case for trial, overruling the objections that were made to his setting down the case before himself, and all other of the objections and many of the questions of the counsel for the City. In spite of the Judge, GUNTHER's Ann-street bargain was proved; also, that WOOD had received a second rent for part of the premises he claimed to have leased to the City.

Beyond this nothing could be proved, as O'GORMAN had neglected to subpœna many of the witnesses, and had done his best to stifle the evidence of those who were in Court. To crown all, although Judge EMORY and Mr. WILLIAMS, the associate counsel for the City, considered enough fraud had been proved to violate the resolution of the Common Council, he insisted on summing up himself, and in so doing calmly withdrew all charge of fraud in the case, and made a formal apology to the injured FERNANDO.

After this, it is unnecessary to remark that Judge CARDOZO gave judgment in WOOD's favor for all arrears of rent, and directing the Controller to execute the lease.

The Corporation Attorney and Public Administrator still occupy a few rooms in the building, and the Corporation Counsel does not and never has. The City, undeterred by, commenced to pay the rent, but, when the sub-tenants, and particularly GRACE NATHAN, Judge CARDOZO's kinsman and favorite relative, (who occupies "palatial" offices on the first floor,) pay in, it is a question which Controller GERARD MALLON may well look into.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

THE SEASON OF OPERA.

"Il Trovatore," the opera intended for performance at the Academy of Music this evening, will not be sung until Friday, in consequence of the indisposition of Signor BARTOLINI. "Martha" will be given to-night, with Minnie HILSON and CARY, and MM. CAPOUL and JAMET.

MISS MERELLO'S MATINEES.

The first of the series of piano recitals to be supplied by Miss ANNA MERELLO, in STEINWAY's smaller hall, occurs this afternoon. The interpretation of the programme will be commenced at 3 o'clock.

BROOKLYN PHILHARMONIC.

A rehearsal for the approaching Philharmonic concert in Brooklyn takes place at the Brooklyn Academy of Music at 3 o'clock this afternoon. MENDELSSOHN'S "Scotch" symphony, SCHUBERT'S unfinished symphonic work and HERBERT'S "Macbeth" overture are to be rehearsed.

Dramatic.

FRENCH PLAYS.

Another performance of French plays may be attended at Robinson Hall, in East Sixteenth-street, to-morrow evening. "La Maison sans Enfants," a three-act comedy, and "Tambour Battant," a one-act vaudeville, have been selected for the occasion.

FIRE-PROOF BUILDINGS.

Another Letter from Hiram Powers—How the Thin Arches are Built in Dwelling Houses in Florence.

In the interesting letter from Mr. POWERS, which we quoted recently from the Providence *Journal*, reference was made to a method of supporting floors by arches, now in vogue in Italy, and adopted by Mr. POWERS in the construction of his own villa. How these arches are constructed is further explained by Mr. POWERS in the following letter, which we take from the same journal:

FLORENCE, Feb. 11, 1872.

DEAR SIR: I have but little time apart from my work to answer your inquiry in regard to the thin arches built here for dwelling-houses. The builders first throw up all the walls without any flooring whatever. The walls are formed when ready, by all around with iron rods, varying from an inch to an inch and a half diameter. Standing below and looking up, you at first might not perceive a slight recess in the walls at the point where the arch is to rest. It is about one and a half inches deep, and two and a half inches high.

When they are ready to begin the arch, a staging is made all around the room for the masons to stand on. They first of all make with plaster of paris a smooth place on the walls on which to draw the curve intended for the arch. Of course this curved line represents the appearance of a bow, the ends meeting at the base of the arch at each side of the room. Bricks, one foot long and six inches broad, and one and a half inches thick, well burnt, but not so hard as to absorb water, are brought, and plaster of paris, instead of mortar, to lay them with. The masons now stretch small cords across from corner to corner of each wall, the ends fastened six inches distant from the latter, and on the curve of the arch. They then, with trowels and brush, mix upon their boards a small quantity of plaster to the consistency of mortar, and each taking a brick apply the plaster to one end and one side of it, and instantly place it in position, where they hold it for a moment to allow the brick, by absorbing the moisture, to hold fast from the plaster as to hold the brick in its place.

They then take another, placing it against the wall, and the first brick, and so they go on until the four masons have projected their arch six inches out into the space, and inclined upward according to the curve of the arch. The masons now stretch their cords across the top of the arch, another six inches out, and so they go on until some support is required, which is obtained by placing four rafters from the centre of each wall; and all meeting in the middle of the space, so as not to project above the highest part of the arch. They then place a brick or two on each of these rafters endwise, until they touch both rafter and arch; a little plaster of paris is used to stay the bricks. This done, they go on again until the arch is completed. But note—where the bricks meet at the corners, they pass one another a little at every alternate row, so as to make a serrated junction. This makes the corners stronger than anywhere else. When the arch is done, it is nowhere more than an inch and a half thick, but you can safely walk upon it, and it sounds like a drum. The upper-most or garret vaults are usually stiffened with braces of bricks from the walls toward the middle. These vaults have no floors on them.

The vaults done, we now want to fill up the spaces and lay the tile floors. The first we do with a number of small arches, deep at the walls, but coming to nothing as they approach the centre. These serve a double purpose—they brace and stiffen the arch, and also fill up the spaces, until, by using old wall rubbish, which is lighter than sand, the ground for the brick flooring is prepared, which flooring is laid, not with plaster of paris, but mortar. Thus this thin arch is honey-combed, as it were, for lightness, and it is so strong that a room twenty-five feet square is quite safe for a dancing party. But it is important that you have good mortar for your walls, much lime and little sand; the mortar should become as hard as the bricks. I have seen mortar in walls of six years standing, in Genoa, that I could dig out with my finger nails. This is not the wall for any kind of arch to rest on and against. Observe, that the curves of the little arches on top of the main arch run counter to the curve of the main arch.

I still think that if several builders could club together, it would be well to send out here for a mason who fully understands the matter. I have been told that there are arches of this description at Volterra which have stood certainly several thousand years. They are in the tombs of that very ancient city, and the arch is called "The Volterrane." I have seen these arches without any plaster on them, the bricks so laid as to present a beautiful honeycomb appearance. The cost of them is very small, as you must have perceived from the above description, and they are so light as to require no very great thickness of outer wall. Yours faithfully,

HIRAM POWERS.

HENRY HOWARD, Esq.

OBITUARY.

Earl of Lonsdale.

A cable telegram announces the death of the Earl of LONSDALE, at the age of eighty-four years.

Right Honorable Sir WILLIAM LOWTHER, P. R. S., eldest son of the late Earl of LONSDALE, whom he succeeded March 19, 1844, was born July 21, 1787. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated M. A. in 1808. In the same year he was elected one of the members of Parliament for Cockermouth, in the Tory interest, and represented that and another close borough until December, 1832, when he was elected both for West Cumberland and Westmoreland. Having selected the last-mentioned county, he represented that constituency until he was called to the House of Peers, in his father's barony of Lowther, Sept. 6, 1841. He held several inferior posts in the administration under Lord LIVERPOOL, was First Commissioner of Woods and Forests in the Wellington administration of 1828-30, Vice-President of the Board of Trade in Sir ROBERT PEEL's first administration in 1834-5, Postmaster-General in his second administration in 1841-5, and Lord Resident of the Council in Lord DERBY's first administration in 1852.

The Chamberlain's Report in Equity.

The City Chamberlain has made his annual report to the Supreme Court, showing the state of the moneys and securities in his hands on the 1st day of January, 1872, subject to the orders of the Court. The report is in detail, and shows the amount to the credit of each suit, and numbers 400 distinct accounts, and is summed up as follows:

Loans on bond and mortgage	$1,122,509 00
Moneys deposited with the New-York Life Insurance and Trust Company	82,416 88
With the United States Trust Company	37,190 42
With the Union Trust Company	168,265 79
With the National Broadway Bank	4,347 62
United States bonds, 5-20s	48,300 00
Hudson River Railroad bonds	5,000 00
New-York City stock	1,550 00
Total	$1,471,579 70

Payments by the Controller.

Controller GREEN paid yesterday the salaries of the Board of Assessors and their clerks from Oct. 1, 1871, to Jan. 1, 1872, $7,797 74; salaries Inspectors of Pavements, $1,001. He will pay today the engineers and contractors on the line of the Croton Aqueduct for month of December, 1871, $8,401 86; laborers on the big pipes, wages to Feb. 15, 1872, $20,078 75; Public Charities and Correction for expenses of that Department, $119,000. Health Department to pay salaries, $20,000; Department of Public Instruction, $30,000; Normal School, $21,000.

A Missing Actor Found.

On Friday last, Mr. FREDERICK MONROE, a member of BOOTH'S Dramatic Company, disappeared from his home, No. 344 West Twenty-seventh-street, taking with him several valuable manuscripts belonging to Mr. BOOTH. All search for the missing actor proved unavailing until yesterday morning, when he was found in the street of a house in East Twenty-seventh-street, almost lifeless from the cold and exposure. He was taken to his home and properly cared for. The manuscripts were found at a place where he had left them during his wanderings through the City.

NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Examination of Witnesses in Washington Continued.

Mr. Schultz Narrates his Career as Pedagogue, Brokerage and Merchant—A Robbery by Officials that Caused Ruin—Bad Men Hit.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The Custom-house Investigation Committee today was occupied, during the whole of its session, in the examination of Mr. CHARLES WILLIAM HERMAN SCHULTZ, of the firm of CLARKE & SCHULTZ. His testimony was, in the main, of small importance, because touching the reputed fraudulent practices at the Custom-house he knew nothing, except by hearsay. In respect to the experience of his firm there were but two instances when they had suffered any but the most trifling losses which the Custom-house authorities or the General Order business could be deemed responsible for. In two cases the loss by pilfering while in the custody of the Custom-house was so enormous that his firm felt constrained to make demands for damages. The largest of these two great losses was nine bottles of gin. Mr. SCHULTZ, having been afforded an opportunity of giving a personal account, seemed to take much pleasure in detailing his career since he came to this country. He went South as a teacher, and made more money, teaching in Natchez than any teacher ever there. He left the South by way of New-Orleans, where he made $20,000 in three weeks. He went back to Europe, gained distinguished honor as a drummer for BASS & CO., and came back to this country after the close of the war. As last, forming one of the firm of CLARK & SCHULTZ, the business of this firm required the almost constant presence of Mr. SCHULTZ in Europe, which accounts for his having to learn of the New-York Custom-house from other persons, and it was this circumstance which unfortunately deprived the Committee of gaining much knowledge from his very interesting recital. Gen. BABCOCK will be examined to-morrow.

Detailed Report of Yesterday's Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—In the New-York Custom-house Committee, this morning, a letter was read from Collector ARTHUR, in response to a complaint from E. B. STRANGE & Co., saying that, since 1864, a duty of sixty per cent had been assessed on silk crape. This firm paid the duty under protest, and claimed they should not have been required to pay more than fifty per cent. On appeal to the Court they were sustained, yet the sixty per cent had continued to be collected.

A communication was received from the New-York Chamber of Commerce embodying its views concerning the steam-ship lines.

Several letters were read, suggesting the summoning of TIMOTHY C. DWIGHT, and the investigating the seizures of sugars, the owners having at law obtained verdicts in their favor, but at great loss, owing to the expense of litigation. It was thought proper to file the papers with the view of looking into the general subject.

The first witness sworn was C. W. H. SCHULTZ, of New-York, general commission merchant, who testified that having met with some obstruction in Custom-house matters, he was told that in order to carry on things smoothly he must *see* Government officials; he did not, however, see matters in that light; the packages consigned to his house of gin, brandy, beer, &c., when delivered directly from the ships, were in perfect order, but when indirectly there was sometimes a deficiency of from five to twenty-five per cent; he made complaint to Collector MURPHY, who referred the matter to the Department of Public Stores, and the reply came that the goods were delivered in the condition they were received, and nobody was to blame; on applying to the steam-ship company he found it was protected by the clear receipt of the Custom-house inspector; the carman, having been applied to, said he could not get the goods without giving a receipt; on one occasion STURGIS and SMITH called upon him and said he had indecently rushed into print concerning his grievances; he informed them that he had accused no individual, but he guaranteed to put a stop to pilfering his goods; since that time every package has been delivered in perfect order. The witness mentioned that before he became associated in business with Mr. CLARK, $25,000 of that gentleman's property had been seized and sold for $7,000; Commissioner OSBORNE and the District-Attorney of New-York had a conversation with him on the subject, and he compromised by taking $9,500, and gave a clean receipt for CLARK; the District-Attorney said the suit against CLARK was instituted on technical grounds; OSBORNE said to the witness: "If these fellows put up a job on you, let me know;" all went on smoothly until last Friday, when Mr. KASHMIR, from the office of Collector of Internal Revenue, came to him and charged him with violation of the law, founded on information, as KASHMIR said, obtained from a Custom-house officer; the firm were charged with breaking packages without mentioning the fact on their books; this proceeding was based on an anonymous communication; the charge was false, as shown to the officer; yesterday, the witness had a conversation with Secretary BOUTWELL relative to the subject; Mr. BOUTWELL said that the Internal Revenue Bureau constantly acted on anonymous communications, if it were thought advisable, but no seizures were made unless the charge was substantiated; there were in New-York what are called dock thieves, who pilfer merchandise on the wharves, even if entered to go into bond; on speaking to Mr. WRIGHT, a gauger, he said he had once attempted to drive off the thieves, but was knocked down by them and severely handled; tens of thousands of dollars are annually lost by the merchants to protect their property on the wharves. The witness said however much may be attempted to prevent frauds the relief can only be temporarily afforded until there is an entire change in the civil service; so long as men of one political party invert those of another are appointed to office, irrespective of claims to ability and honesty, so long will abuses occur; appointments should be made for life, during good behavior, and all persons who attempt to bribe or receive bribes should be severely punished; he was not astonished at these frauds; the appointments are made for a limited time only, and men want to make money before they leave their offices.

Question—Do you know any officers who have received bribes? Answer—I do not; my information is not definite, but general.

Q.—Do you know any merchants who have paid money to officers? A.—I do not.

On the cross-examination the witness said cases of merchandise had been broken open and the spaces filled with various substances. Secretary BOUTWELL, on witness having made the complaint above alluded to, referred him back to Mr. TREADWELL, the Collector of the Second District, to find out all about the case.

The Committee at noon took a recess until 1 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Committee did not reassemble until 2 o'clock, and then resumed the cross-examination, by Senator PRATT, of SCHULTZ, who said the packages plundered were of liquors, sauces, and imported crackers, out of one lot which first went under General Order, and then into bonded store. One case of liquors was found to be entirely empty, and in another case there was only one bottle, the other twenty-three having been abstracted; the liquors were imported from England, Germany, Holland and France; they were all liable to be tampered with on the way; if it was found by Bill of Lading that goods were in good condition, and conditions, and is should turn out otherwise, the ship was required to pay the damages; the dock thieves had robbed witness of eight gallons of Dutch gin within fifteen minutes after it was landed; and while the man who had been watching for the thieves of the gin had run to tell the carman to take them to the store, he had been told by the owners of 400 bales of wool that while it was on the wharf the thieves came in boats, cut open the bales, and stole wool, and the Police had to be sent for to protect goods and drive thieves away. He knew of a case, from his broker, where four worth of cutlery had been abstracted from one package. It was the uniform practice for packages to be corked up and sealed at the public warehouse, and so delivered. He believed there was a community of thieves engaged in the plundering; his opinion was that six hundred were over this. Collector MURPHY never replied to that part of witnesses' letter to him relative to dock thieves. The letter was written after the loss of the liquor. He could not account for the fact how merchants in New-York could submit to such a state of things for so long a time.

Mr. PRATT asked how it was possible any man, of ten, could break open a package or take one away without being observed by the carman, the dock clerk of the vessel, and other parties interested? A.—It was possible in New-York, not, perhaps, any where else. A man attempted to steal a cask of brandy from my store in open daylight.

Q.—Did he succeed? A.—No, I knocked him down.

On being cross-examined by Mr. HAYARD the witness said the only packages plundered were those invoiced for appraisement. He could not get an answer as to the man responsible for the safety of goods on wharves. Witness knew of all kinds of merchandise having been detained a quarter an hour. The witness gave evidence as if was persons of business or limited number of men. He was further examined by Mr. HOWE, at length.

The Committee adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock to-morrow, when Gen. BABCOCK will be examined.

A NICE CHIEF OF POLICE.

If the Chief is a Defaulter, What Can be Expected of the Subordinates?—A Few Words for Public Consideration.

The following presents in a brief form the case against "HANK SMITH," Chairman of the Police Commission. The facts have been published before, and never contradicted:

Police Commissioner HANK SMITH stands charged with the following grave offenses:

I. As President of the Bowling-green Savings Bank, he testified under oath that at the time of the bank's suspension it possessed $85,000 worth of New-York street improvement bonds. These were not found by the receiver among the assets of the bank.

II. Among the call loans of the bank appears the sum of $40,022 32 under names of persons who cannot be found. The Investigating Committee said they believed that "such loans purporting to have been made are fraudulent, and that the names are fictitious."

III. HANK SMITH authorized loans on worthless collaterals and loans without security, which involve a loss to the depositors of the Bowling-green Savings Bank of $98,441 97.

IV. In the bank report sworn to by HANK SMITH, the sum of $31,011 68, being a portion of the current expenses of the bank, is, with apparent intention to deceive, put down among the "loans" of the bank.

V. HANK SMITH was one of the three officials who drew money from the Guardian Savings Bank on the credit of the Bowling-green Bank and appropriated it for their own uses. The entire sum thus appropriated, including an over draft directly made on the funds held in trust, amounts to $64,736 75, and it stands at present as a claim against the Bowling-green depositors.

VI. His position as Police Commissioner enabled HANK SMITH to obtain possession of $13,000 belonging to the widows and orphans of policemen killed in the discharge of their duty. This sum has been lost in the collapse of the Bowling-green Bank.

VII. The contributions of 2,900 policemen, amounting to $13,000, for the benefit of the sufferers by the Chicago fire, have never emerged from the custody of HANK SMITH's bank.

VIII. HANK SMITH has, through corrupt influence, succeeded in evading, for about five years, payment of the rent of Pier No. 40 North River, leased to him by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund. He has, so far, cheated the tax-payers out of $13,818.

Yet, in spite of these uncontradicted charges, HANK SMITH continues to hold the position of Police Commissioner, and finds the support of the *Tribune*, which has good reasons for keeping HANK in his present office.

Mr. BRENTANO (No. 33 Union-square) has received some copies of a humorous book on the Tichborne trial, by ARTHUR SKETCHLEY; and he has also on sale the third number of that very useful publication, *The American Historical Record*, published in Philadelphia. This *Record* is likely to find many subscribers in New-York.

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BRUSH—STAFFORD.—On Feb. 28, 1872, at the church of the Holy Trinity, Rev. Abel Stevens, D. D., Rev. V. N. McVicker, AMOS M. BRUSH, of Greenwich, Conn., to C. JENNIE STAFFORD, of New-York.

DORTIC—MOTTET.—On the 14th of February, 1872, at the Academy Lecture in Paris, by Rev. H. Gallet, HENRY THEO. DORTIC, of New-York, to NORMA PAULINE MOTTET, daughter of the late Theo. J. Bauer, of Charleston, S. C.

HARRISON—HOLCKNEBLE.—At the residence of the bride, on Monday evening, March 4, WILLIAM H. HARRISON, of Brooklyn, to Miss ALICIA R. HOACKNOLE, of New-York.

DIED.

BRANDRETH.—At New Haven, N. Y., on the morning of the 5th inst., VIRGINIA GARDNER, wife of Hon. George W. Brandreth, and daughter of the late Major-Gen. Gardner Ward.

Funeral on Saturday, the 9th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., at Trinity Church.

CHAMPION.—On Monday, 4th inst., MARIA VAN COTT, widow of Edward Boyle, in the 84th year of her age.

Funeral on Wednesday, 6th inst., at 11 o'clock A. M., from the residence of her son, J. P. Boyle, No. 346 East 116th-st., near Avenue A.

HUBBOCKER.—At Rockaway Beach, on Sunday, March 3, suddenly, CHARLES THOMPSON, eldest of the Rev. Dr. Hubbocker, aged 36 years.

Funeral services will be held at his late residence, Fairfield-st., Wednesday, March 6, at 3 o'clock P. M. Friends wishing to attend, can take the 10 o'clock train from Twenty-second-street Depot, and return the same evening. Carriages will be in waiting at the depot in Bridgeport on the arrival of the train.

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BUTLER.—On Tuesday, March 5, 1872, of malignant scarlet fever, JOHN BARTON, son of Henry L. and Mary J. Butler, and grandson of the late Rev. Nicholas Murray, D. D.

BUCK.—On Tuesday, 5th inst., ELIZABETH BUCK, aged 83 years.

Funeral services from the residence of his father-in-law, No. 61 Hartman-st., this afternoon at 1 o'clock.

CAHAN.—At Smith Oyster Bay, Long Island, March 4, ELIZABETH, widow of Timothy Cahnan, in the 85th year of her age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral at her late residence, on Saturday, 9th inst., at 10½ P. M. Carr by South-side Railroad, to Amityville, leave Hunters-street Ferry and Grand-street Ferry at 10½ A. M., and return after the funeral.

COOPER.—At Middletown, Conn., on Monday, Feb. 26, Miss JANE E. COOPER.

CHERREVOY.—Suddenly, on Saturday, March 2, EDMUND B. CHERREVOY, of the firm of Weatherbee & Cherrevoy, in the 55th of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also the members of Pacific Lodge, No. 161, F. & A. M., are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from Bethesda Church, Bedford-av., near Division, Brooklyn, E. D., on Thursday, March 7, at 1 o'clock P. M.

DUER.—At New-Brighton, Staten Island, on Sunday morning, 3d inst., CATHARINE, wife of George W. Duer.

ELLIS.—On Monday, March 4, at New-Brunswick, N. J., JOHN ELLIS, in the 76th year of his age.

Funeral service will be held at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, on this City, at 11 o'clock A. M., on Thursday, 7th inst. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

KING.—On Monday, 4th inst., at her residence, Fishkill, on the Hudson, Mrs. MARIA B. KING, widow of the late John F. King, and daughter of the late Philip M. Hildreth, D. D.

The funeral will take place from her late residence on Thursday, the 7th, at 1 P. M.

LEWIS.—On Monday, March 4, JENNIE BLAKE, youngest daughter of Jacob W. and Jennie S. Lewis, aged four months.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her parents, No. 99 Ninth-st., Brooklyn, E. D., on Wednesday, March 6, at 1 P. M.

NEWCOMB.—Suddenly, on Tuesday, N. J., on the 26 of March, 1872, CHARLES NEWCOMB.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, on Thursday morning, the 7th inst., at 11 o'clock. Religious services will be held at the Universal

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The business transacted at the Exchange yesterday, March 5, was of unusual interest, and the general result better (like of any day thus far this season. The attendance was very large, and nearly all the proposed sales were successfully consummated. The following is a review in brief of the proceedings:

SLOTER, WILKINS & CO., by order of THOS. H. WALTER, executor, and HARRIET A. WALTER, executrix of JAMES H. WALTER, deceased, offered at auction some SIXTY west side lots and acres of land located respectively on Eighth-avenue, Nicholas and Ninth avenues, the Boulevard, One Hundred and Twenty-third, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth, One Hundred and Twenty-fifth, One Hundred and Twenty-sixth and Manhattan streets, all of which were sold at good figures, the total of the sale reaching the sum of about $210,000. In regard to this auction it may be stated that the aggregate realized was larger than any estimates made prior to the sale. Full details will be found below in the summary annexed, the names of purchasers of lots being in each instance appended. Messrs. MULLER & CO. also offered at public auction fifty lots located on Washington Heights, some of which, however, were sold subsequently: One lot, 25 by 100, on the south-west corner of Broadway, or the Kingsbridge road, and the road to Fort Washington Depot, purchased by G. A. BROADBOOK for $6,000. Bids upon a number of the other lots, ranging from $2,000 to $3,250 each, were received, but not accepted, and it was announced that the property would be again offered on Tuesday of next week.

The next most important sale of City real estate was made by A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., who at public auction disposed of one building lot, 27.3 by 100, situated on the southeast corner of Fifth-avenue and Eighty-fifth-street, opposite Central Park, purchased by W. P. DOUGLAS for $47,500. The same firm also offered another similar lot on the corner of the avenue and Ninetieth-street, for which a bid of $45,000 was received, but not sale, as we understand, effected. Bids as follows for other real estate offered by the same firm were also received, but not accepted, by adjournment, No. 126 East Fifty-first-street, near Third-avenue, French flat brown-stone house and lot, $29,000 bid; premises Nos. 49 and 50 Clinton-street, between Rivington and Stanton streets, two five-story brick houses and lots, with one four-story brick house in rear of each lot, each 25 by 100, and premises Nos. 125 and 127 West Twenty-sixth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, two three-story and basement brown-stone houses and lots, $18,750 each bid.

HUGH N. CARR, by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of E. DELAFIELD SMITH, Esq., referee, sold a valuable plot of ground situate on the east side of Seventh-avenue, between Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, in size 49.4 by 100, with the church building thereon, known as the "Church of the Holy Light," for $38,300. Purchaser, WM. YOUNGS.

WM. KENNELLY, at a Sheriff's sale, sold three lots, together forming a plot 25 by 100.8 located on the south side of Fifty-eighth-street, between First and Second avenues, for $21,000, over and above a mortgage amounting to $4,000 and costs to 42,300, making the full price realized $16,203. Purchased by LOUIS JOHNSON. Also at a trustee's sale, a three story brick tenement house and lot, known as No. 21 Monroe-street, between Market and Catharine streets, (lot 20.7 by 90,) sold for $6,200. Purchaser, DENNIS McCARTHY. The same Referee, by order of the Supreme Court, at 12 o'clock noon, under the direction of RUFUS SMITH, Esq., referee, also offered at auction the property known as No. 408 East Twenty-fourth-street, between Avenue A and First-avenue, embracing a lot 25 by 98.9, with a three-story and basement brick house thereon fronting street, and a two-story brick stable in the rear. The premises were bid off for $10,800 by L. E. LYNCH, but the purchaser afterward declining to comply with the terms of sale, it was announced that the property would be again offered on the 19th inst.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO., at public auction, disposed of the three-story and basement brick house and lot known as No. 221, West Forty-third-street, between Seventh and Eighth avenues, the purchaser of the property being WM. HEALY, and the price paid $1,160. The same firm also offered for sale a leasehold property, known as No. 319 West Twenty-second-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, comprising a three-story and basement brown-stone house with lot 17.3 by 100.8, for which bids to the amount of $20,500 were made, but no transfer of title effected.

JOSEPH McGUIRE, at a Supreme Court sale in foreclosure, FREDERICK C. WHITE, Esq., referee, sold a two-story and basement brick-front house and lot located on the north side of One Hundred and Eighteenth-street, between Avenues A and B, and known as No. 226, for $7,000. Purchaser, SARAH O. CHAPMAN, plaintiff in the action in question. Four other legal sales, all under the direction of JAMES H. COLEMAN, Esq., referee, announced in addition to occur, were adjourned by Mr. McGUIRE as follows: Sale of house and lot on Forty-third-street, near Third-avenue, and sale of building lot on north-west corner of Eighth-avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-seventh-street, adjourned the 19th inst.; sale of premises No. 83 Bayard-street, adjourned until the 19th inst., and sale of two building lots on Laurens-street, between Broome and Spring streets, adjourned until the same date last named. No other business pertaining to City real estate was transacted.

In addition to the above, J. JOHNSON, Jr., auctioneer, for JOHNSON & MILLER, conducted the most extensive and, in its results, the most successful auction in Brooklyn property, which has been held at the Exchange for months. The schedule of sale comprised two very valuable pieces of dock property, together with some sixty building lots, all desirably located on leading thoroughfares of Brooklyn. The greater portion of the property was owned by Mr. FREDERICK SCHOONMAKER, and 36 was all sold to bona fide bidders at excellent figures, as will be seen by a reference to the summary annexed, in which full particulars are given. The total sum realized foots up $157,210. In relation to the dock property it should be stated that an assessment for the proposed construction of new docks has been made on the property of $100 per foot, which will have to be paid by the purchasers of yesterday. This assessment amounts to $13,000 on each of the two pieces sold, which sum should properly be added to the price per plot reported below.

For today, at the Exchange, quite a number of auctions are announced, principally, however, of a legal character. To-morrow, the sale of choice Central Park and Boulevard lots, conducted by V. K. STEVENSON & Co., takes place, a proposed transaction which among real estate investors is attracting considerable degree of interest, as the property to be sold is not only at present very desirable but the prospective value is great, and, as is always the case, the result of a sale at which this class of real estate is offered exercises a strong influence upon the market.

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1 lot, No. 5, s. e. 98. Nicholas-av., adjoining above, 25.7x about 90; same purchaser 5,150
1 lot, No. 7, s. e. 98. Nicholas-av., adjoining above, 25.7x about 90; same purchaser 4,900
1 lot, No. 9, s. e. 98. Nicholas-av., adjoining above, 25.7x about 90; D. Davis, purchaser 4,950
1 lot, No. 11, s. e. 98. Nicholas-av., adjoining above, 25.7x about 90; same purchaser 5,000
1 lot, No. 13, s. e. cor. Nicholas-av. and 124th-st., adjoining above, 25.6x about 70; same purchaser 4,050
1 lot, No. 9, n. e. 124th-st., 25 ft. n. of Nicholas-av., 25x100; Wm. Hoagland, purchaser 4,200
1 lot, No. 11, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, 25x100; same purchaser 7,625
1 lot, No. 17, n. e. 124th-st., 25.2 ft. n. of 124th-st., adjoining; same purchaser 5,100
1 lot, No. 19, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, same size; A. J. Murdock, purchaser 5,375
1 lot, No. 21, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, 25x100; same purchaser 5,125
1 lot, No. 23, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, same size; same purchaser 5,375
2 lots, Nos. 25 and 27, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, each same size; J. Galway, purchaser, $5,125 each 10,250
1 lot, No. 29, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, same size; same purchaser 5,100
1 lot, No. 31, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, same size; same purchaser 5,375
2 lots, Nos. 33 and 35, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, each same size; J. Galway, purchaser, $5,125 each 10,250
2 lots, Nos. 37 and 39, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, each same size; J. Galway, purchaser, $5,125 each 10,250
1 lot, No. 41, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, same size; same purchaser 5,375
1 lot, No. 43, n. e. 124th-st., adjoining above, same size; same purchaser 5,375
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ATLANTIC	March 30, 8 A. M.
BALTIC	April 6, 3 P. M.
OCEANIC	April 13, 4 A. M.

From the White Star Dock, Jersey City, Jersey City. Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining
SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.
Saloon, state-rooms, smoking-room and bath-rooms in midship section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.
RATES—Saloon, $80, gold; steerage, $30, currency. Those wishing to send for friends from the Old country can now obtain steerage prepaid certificates, $32, currency.
Passengers booked to or from all parts of America, Paris, Hamburg, Norway, Sweden, India, Australia, China, &c.
Excursion tickets granted at lowest rates.
Drafts from $1 upward.
For inspection of plans and other information, apply at the Company's offices, No. 19 Broadway, New-York.
Bills of lading issued through to Continental ports.
J. H. SPARKS, Agent.

CUNARD LINE.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAM-SHIPS.
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

FROM NEW-YORK.	
CALABRIA	Wednesday, Mar. 6, 72
CHINA	Wednesday, Mar. 13, 72
ABYSSINIA	Wednesday, Mar. 20, 72
CUBA	Wednesday, Mar. 27, 72
ALGERIA	Wednesday, April 3, 72

and every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY

FROM BOSTON.	
PALESTINE	Saturday, Mar. 4, 72
SIBERIA	Saturday, Mar. 9, 72
PARTHIA	Saturday, Mar. 16, 72
BATAVIA	Saturday, Mar. 23, 72
SAXONIA	Saturday, Mar. 30, 72

and every following SATURDAY.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
Cabin, $80, $100 and $120, gold, according to accommodation.
Tickets to Paris, $10, gold, additional.
Return tickets on favorable terms.
Steerage, $30, currency. Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.
Through Bills of Lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp, and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage at No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.
CHAS. G. FRANGLYN, Agent.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF PARIS, CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.
THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch their first-class, full power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY,
as follows:
WISCONSIN, Capt. T. W. FREEMAN, Mar. 6, at 2½ P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....Mar. 13, at 9½ A. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHINERAY.....Mar. 20, at 2½ P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Mar. 27, at 9½ A. M.
IDAHO, Capt. PRICE.....April 3, at 2½ P. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. J. B. PRICE, April 10, at 2½ P. M.
Cabin passage, $80, gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Wall-st.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAM-SHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for our continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
WASHINGTON.....EGUIMAN.....Saturday, Mar. 9
VILLE DE PARIS.....SURIGNE.....Saturday, Mar. 23
PEREIRE.....DARRE.....Saturday, April 6
ST. LAURENT.....LEHARIC.....Saturday, April 20
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine)
TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin.....$125 | Second cabin.....$75
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transits by English railway and the discomfort of crossing the Channel, thus saving time, trouble and expense.
GEORGE MACKENZIE, Agent,
No. 55 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COM. PANY'S LINE TO

CALIFORNIA, JAPAN AND CHINA,

VIA PANAMA.
CARRYING MAILS, PASSENGERS AND FREIGHT TO
KINGSTON, JAMAICA, SANTA MARTA AND GREYTOWN, AND PACIFIC COAST OF MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA, PERU AND CHILI.
Steamers leave 12th and 27th each month, except when these dates fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
March 12—Steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall, via Kingston, Jam., connecting at Aspinwall with Steamers of the Company touching at Acapulco, Manzanilla and Mazatlan, and also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for last named ports received until 4 P. M. of March 12.
Steamer CHINA will leave San Francisco April 1, 1872, for Japan and China. For rates of passage, freight and all further information, apply at Company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st.
F. R. BABY, Agent.

WEST-ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 23d of every month.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. B. SLOCUM...March 23
MERRIMACK, Capt. V. SLOCUM.....April 23
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. TOBLEPAUGH.....May 23
These splendid steamers sails on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
W. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., from Pier No. 4 Northern-wharf.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. T. S. CURTIS, (via Nassau,) March 7.
CRESCENT CITY, Capt. E. VAN SICE, March 14.
MISSOURI, Capt. P. H. MORTON, (via Nassau,) March 28.
For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.

CARRYING THE ROYAL MAIL.
Atlantic Mail Steamship Company's steamer CRESCENT CITY will sail on THURSDAY, Feb. 22, at noon, P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
A. W. DIMOCK, President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

DIRECT LINE TO HAVANA

HAVANA, SEGUNDO AND CENTRAL AMERICA.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line.
CHIMBORAZO, Pelton, (Havana only,) Wed., Mar. 13.
CITY OF ALBANY, Trasher, (Havana only,) Wed., Mar. 20.
CLEARAGO, Pelton, (Havana only,) Tues., April 2.
CITY OF FLORIDA, Trasher.....Friday, April 12.
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALLEMANDE & SONS, No. 22 Broadway.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Passengers or packages forwarded from the City of New-York to any place in the Canadas, should leave Pier 1 North River, foot Vesey-st., at 3 P. M., on the day previous to that on which the steamer of Thursday sails, in order to secure and transfer passengers and baggage in season for the morning train on the Saturday following. Passengers and baggage will be transferred free of charge from the Hudson River Railroad depot, Chambers-st., to the steamer's pier, and from the Grand Trunk Railway depot, Portland, to the steamer's pier, Portland, free of charge. Tickets and information may always be obtained by applying at the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 2 Rue Vivienne, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

SHIPPING.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA., THE PICKING PORTS, AND THE SOUTH AND WEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE.
CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.
FOUR DAILY LINES OF STEAMERS.
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.
THE STEAM-SHIPS
GENERAL BARNES, Capt. MALLONY, THURSDAY, March 7, from Pier No. 8 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 14 Broad-st.

MAGNOLIA, Capt. PALMER, SATURDAY, March 9, from Pier No. 4 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. M. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HUNTSVILLE, Capt. CROWELL, SATURDAY, March 9, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 4 P. M.
E. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 5 West-st.

VIRGO, Capt. BULKLEY, TUESDAY, March 12, from Pier No. 18 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 22 South-st.

Insurance by this line ONE-HALF PER CENT. Superior accommodations for passengers.
Through railway tickets to all points in connection with Central Railroad of Georgia, to the interior.
Through rates and bills of lading in connection with the Atlantic and Gulf Freight line.
O. D. OWEN, General Agent A. G. A. G. R. R.,
No. 229 Broadway.
GEORGE TOUSEY, Agent G. R. R.,
No. 229 Broadway.

UNITED STATES PASSPORT BUREAU.—United States passports, indorsements to travelers, issued by J. S. MONES, Passport Agent, No. 91 Duane-st., corner of Broadway.

FINANCIAL.

SECOND MORTGAGE 8 PER CENT. CONVERTIBLE BONDS

OF THE
Indianapolis, Bloomington and Western Railway,
AT 90 AND INTEREST.
From the time we first offered these Bonds they have been rapidly taken up by investors, leaving but a small amount now for sale, which, at the present price, we consider a very cheap and desirable security, as the Road is in successful operation, and earnings are more than the interest on all its Bonds. The holders of the FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS have made no default in any of their bonds, and the entire line of new track is now building, equipped with and controlled entirely in the interest of this road, all of which will be completed at an early day.
These Bonds are secured by a lien of all least fifty per cent in the net receipts of this Company.
We also buy and sell the First Mortgage Seven Per Cent. Gold Bonds of the
INDIANAPOLIS, BLOOMINGTON AND WESTERN ROAD,
and those of the
PEORIA AND ROCK ISLAND RAILWAY.
STOCKS and BONDS bought and sold on commission.
Accounts of banks, bankers and merchants received.
Four per cent. interest allowed on daily balances.
TURNER BROTHERS,
No. 14 NASSAU-ST.

A FIRST-CLASS SECURITY.

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE
Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund
INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK.
Mortgage of $500,000 on the land and Masonic building, at the corner of 6th-av. and 23d-st., New-York.
Cost of land and building when completed, $1,000,000.
Principal of bonds payable 1891. Interest seven per cent. Coupons payable semi-annually, March 15 and Sept. 15, at the office of the Union Trust Company.
FOR SALE BY
O. D. ASHLEY & CO.,
BANKERS, NO. 17 NEW-ST.

MIDLAND BONDS.

The NEW-YORK MIDLAND CONVERTIBLE BONDS, secured by Mortgage at 40 and interest, are one of the most desirable and will prove one of the most profitable investments offered in this market for years.
ALLEN, STEPHENS & CO.,
BANKERS, NO. 12 PINE-ST.

A FEW CAREFULLY SELECTED
10 Per Cent. Bonds,
for sale by
George Opdyke & Co.,
No. 25 Nassau-st.

Houston & Texas Central Railway Company's
1st MORTGAGE LAND GRANT SINKING FUND
SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD BONDS,
At 90 and Accrued Interest in Currency.
For sale by
John J. Cisco & Son,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the undersigned, the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, at his office, City Hall, until 12 o'clock noon, of the 20th day of March proximo, for the purchase of
FIVE HUNDRED ST. LOUIS CITY WATER BONDS,
issued by authority of an act of the Legislature, authorizing the City of St. Louis to issue and dispose of additional bonds to enable it to complete and protect its Water-works, approved Feb. 2, 1871.
These bonds are for $1,000 each, to be dated April 1, 1872, having twenty years to run, with interest at the rate of six per cent, payable semi-annually on the 1st of April and 1st of October, at the office of the Treasurer of the United States, in the City of New-York, where the principal is also made payable in gold coin.
The net revenue derived from the Water-works is pledged for the payment of the bonds now offered, both principal and interest, in the same manner as the bonds heretofore issued under the acts approved March 12, 1867, and March 23, 1870.
Bids will be received for any number of the bonds in sums of $1,000 and upward, and the proceeds will be publicly opened in the office of the Mayor, on the day and time named.
The Mayor reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if in his opinion, the bids received be not satisfactory.
Proposals must be addressed to "Proposals for St. Louis Water Bonds," and addressed to the Mayor.
The law authorizing the issue of the bonds, can be seen on application at the Mayor's office.
Bids may be made payable in the issue of the National Banks, or the currency of the United States.
The bonds will be delivered, in the City of St. Louis to the purchasers, bids also accepted, upon the 1st day of April, 1872, to be paid for when delivered.
Five per cent. of the amount in money or certified bank check, will be required to accompany each bid, to insure compliance with the terms of sale.
JOSEPH BROWN, Mayor.
Attest: JNO. J. FITZWILLIAM, Register.
St. Louis, Feb. 20, 1872.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

the SECOND NATIONAL BANK AT NEW-YORK, in the state of New-York, at the close of business on the 27th day of February, 1872:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,101,[illegible]
Overdrafts	[illegible]
United States bonds to secure circulation	500,000 00
United States bonds on hand	30,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	12,[illegible]
Due from national banks	182,[illegible]
Due from State banks and bankers	18,[illegible]
Banking-house	175,000 00
Current expenses	6,919 41
Checks and other cash items	27,713 64
Exchanges for clearing-house	1,207,[illegible]
Bills of national banks	2,[illegible]
Fractional currency, (including nickels)	2,446 22
Specie, viz.: Coin	$127,[illegible]
Gold Treasury certificates	211,250 00
Checks on other banks, payable in gold	35,229 05
Legal-tender notes	134,[illegible]
Clearing-house certificates	240,000 00
Total	$1,[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$2,000,000 00
Surplus fund	400,000 00
Discount	34,[illegible]
Interest	14,[illegible]
Profit and loss	48,[illegible]
Circulating notes outstanding	500,[illegible]
State bank circulation outstanding	6,[illegible]
Certificates of deposit	1,[illegible]
Individual deposits	2,[illegible]
Certified checks	3,[illegible]
Cashier's checks outstanding	100,000 00
Dividends unpaid	1,[illegible]
Due to State banks and bankers	17,[illegible]
Total	$1,[illegible]

I, Wm. H. Cox, Cashier of the Mechanics' National Bank of the City of New-York, do solemnly affirm that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. WM. H. COX, Cashier.
State of New-York, County of New-York: Affirmed and subscribed before me this 4th day of March, 1872.
W. Q. RIDDLE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
JOHN BULLARD, JR.,
HENRY OELRICHS,
WM. H. CHAMBERLAIN,
} Directors.

OFFICE OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CANADA LAND PURCHASE,
No. 67 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, March 1, 1872.

OWNERS OF TRUSTEES' CERTIFICATES issued under the Buffalo, New-York and Erie Railroad, held in trust, by R. B. WARD, EDWARD LEARNED, PELEG HALL, C. A. TROWBRIDGE and A. H. SIBLEY, pursuant to an indenture, dated Nov. 1, 1869, are hereby notified that the entire capital stock of the Jamaica and Wood's Landing Railroad, embracing all the lands, and including Silver Lake, are now held by the undersigned, the entire capital stock of the Silver Mining Company of Silver Lake, in the State of New-York, and on which land have been found the best Wood's Island, containing Silver lands and the best mines of Silver Cobaltine, at the surface, being discovered, and yielding for and in every part of Manitoulin Island, and that in no way any such Trustees' Certificates, such distribution is in strict equity the assets and appropriation of such Trustees, holding their first proportion of said Silver Lake Stock to the order of the Trustees, Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western Railroad, Act of Nov. 7, 1870; and shall also modify the existing contracts, consequently to the interest equity of the estate, and so shall also give authority to the trustees to accept and avoid the conveyance of the Canada Company, and shall also give authority to the Canada Company, through the Government of the Dominion of Canada, to the holders of the stock may be withdrawn from the trust, and to hold, managed and transferred by such commissioners, the shares of stock when found to be in equity.
The transfer of the stock is to be discontinued with a block to holders of Trustees' Certificates, and the transfer of the stock to be made on the 15th day of March next, at their daily sessions, and only on presentation of such and such certificates, in consideration of the stock and the transfer of the stock to be completed by the 1st day of the 15th next. [illegible]
EDWARD LEARNED, [illegible]

FINANCIAL.

97 1-2 AND INTEREST.

NEW-JERSEY MIDLAND

FIRST MORTGAGE
7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds,
GUARANTEED
BY
N. Y. MIDLAND R. R. CO.

Road nearly completed. The Company assures us that TRAINS WILL BE RUNNING THE ENTIRE LENGTH of the New-Jersey section of the new Trunk Line to Canada and the West EARLY IN MARCH NEXT.
For sale or exchange for marketable securities by
GEO. OPDYKE & CO.,
GENERAL AGENTS, No. 25 Nassau-st.

ALL TAXES PAID.

Road Finished and Earning Expenses
AND TWICE THE INTEREST.
FULL PAID STOCK.
Connecticut Valley Railroad
First Mortgage 7 Per Cent. Bonds.
Price, 95 and Interest.
RECOMMENDED BY
ALLEN, STEPHENS & CO.,
BANKERS, 12 PINE-ST., N. Y.
Send all letters to Post-office Box No. 2,007.

VERMILYE & CO.,
BANKERS,
16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

Montclair Railway Company,
NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

The Coupons and registered interest due March 1, 1872, on the First Mortgage Bonds of this Company, will be paid, at the office of Messrs. LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER, No. 10 Wall-st., on and after that date.
H. B. LOW, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF
UNITED STATES ASSISTANT TREASURER.
NEW-YORK, March 5, 1872.
During the month of March, 1872, I shall, by order, receive offers of Bonds as follows:
OFFERS OF BONDS.
Thursday, March 14—One Million.
Thursday, March 28—One Million.
A certified check for Five per Cent. of offer must be deposited therewith. Proposals will be opened at 12 o'clock, noon, each day specified. The Treasury may, at its option, accept offers of bonds in excess of the amount advertised for.
Printed forms for proposals, with the regulations to be observed, will be furnished at this office.
THOMAS HILLHOUSE,
Assistant Treasurer United States.

PROPOSALS FOR BONDS.

Holders of bonds of the FORT HURON AND LAKE MICHIGAN RAILROAD COMPANY, bearing the traffic guarantee of the Great Western Railway Company of Canada, are hereby informed that the Great Western Railway Company has made default in the 31st December, 1871, by the said Great Western Railway Company of Canada for the purchase of bonds at no more than par, for which proposals will be received at the Treasurer's office in the City of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, until the 20th day of March next.
JOSEPH PRICE, Treasurer, &c.,
Great Western Railway Company.
Feb. 19, 1872.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, Sears Building, Boston, on WEDNESDAY, March 6, 1872, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Transfer books will be closed after Saturday, the 24th inst.
THOMAS A. SCOTT, President.
E. H. ROLLINS, Secretary.
BOSTON, Feb. 3, 1872.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

the MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK of the City of New-York at the close of business on the 27th day of February, 1872:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$2,001,[illegible]
Overdrafts	2,[illegible]
United States bonds to secure circulation	687,000 00
United States bonds on hand	30,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	12,[illegible]
Due from national banks	182,[illegible]
Due from State banks and bankers	18,[illegible]
Banking-house	175,000 00
Current expenses	6,919 41
Checks and other cash items	27,713 64
Exchanges for clearing-house	1,207,[illegible]
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Fractional currency, (including nickels)	2,446 22
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Checks on other banks, payable in gold	35,229 05
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Total	$[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$2,000,000 00
Surplus fund	400,000 00
Discount	34,[illegible]
Interest	14,[illegible]
Profit and loss	48,[illegible]
Circulating notes outstanding	500,[illegible]
State bank circulation outstanding	6,[illegible]
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Individual deposits	2,[illegible]
Certified checks	3,[illegible]
Cashier's checks outstanding	100,000 00
Dividends unpaid	1,[illegible]
Due to State banks and bankers	17,[illegible]
Total	$[illegible]

I, OLIVER ROBERTS, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly affirm that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. OLIVER ROBERTS, Cashier.
State of New-York, County of New-York: Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of March, 1872.
JESSE WEST, Jr.,
Notary Public City and County of New-York.
Correct—Attest:
AMOS R. ENO,
HENRY A. HURLBUT,
A. H. TROWBRIDGE,
} Directors.

FINANCIAL.

THE MOST DESIRABLE
NEW-YORK SECURITY
ON THE MARKET.
MIDLAND FIRST MORTGAGE
7 Per Cent. Gold Bonds.
Denominations of $100, $500, $1,000.
AT PAR AND INTEREST.
Of this great trunk line to the West upward of
240 Miles Are in Operation,
and its ENTIRE COMPLETION CONTRACTED FOR BY JULY 1. Toward its construction nearly $3,000,000 IN CASH HAS BEEN FURNISHED BY SUBSCRIPTION TO ITS STOCK AT PAR.
This road will possess equal advantages for local and through business with any of the great trunk lines from New-York, some of which are paying good dividends on three times the cost of the Midland.
The mortgage is only $20,000 to the mile.
As an evidence of their appreciation by the public, these Bonds are being absorbed almost as rapidly as the Company are authorized to issue them.
Marketable securities taken in exchange at market rates.
GEORGE OPDYKE & CO.,
NO. 25 NASSAU-ST.

VERMILYE & CO.,

NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK,
Offer for sale a limited amount of first-class Investment Securities, as follows:
CITY OF ELIZABETH, N. J., 7 PER CENT. BONDS, DUE IN 1877 AT 94 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.
LONG ISLAND RAILROAD BONDS, SECURED BY FIRST MORTGAGE OF ONLY $10,000 PER MILE ON OLD ROAD, PAYING REGULAR DIVIDENDS ON CAPITAL STOCK. PRICE OF BONDS 80 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.
SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-YORK FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS, ISSUED ONLY AT THE RATE OF $10,000 PER MILE. THIS ROAD IS COMPLETED AND IN SUCCESSFUL OPERATION. PRICE OF BONDS, 90 AND INTEREST.

JOHN MUNROE & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 8 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
ISSUE CIRCULAR NOTES OF CREDIT FOR TRAVELERS, ON THE CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON, AND ON MUNROE & CO., PARIS, AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE IN all PARTS of the WORLD.

YONKERS AND NEW-YORK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, appointed by the Supreme Court receiver of the estate, funds and effects of the Yonkers and New-York Fire Insurance Company, pursuant to the order of winding up of the creditors of the said Company, at my office, No. 128 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 6th day of March, 1872, at 10 o'clock noon, of that day, when, all accounts and demands against the said Company, and all its open and subsisting contracts, shall be ascertained and adjusted as far as may be, and the amount of moneys in the hands of the receiver declared. RICHARD L. FRANKLIN, Receiver.

ELECTION NOTICE.—STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY.—The annual election for twenty-five Directors, and three Inspectors of the next annual election, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 152 Bowery, on THURSDAY, March, 14, 1872, 3 o'clock P. M., and closed at 4 o'clock P. M. GEO. E. RHOADS, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the undersigned, Receiver of the Market Fire Insurance Company, will pay a first dividend of THIRTY-FIVE CENTS on the dollar to those creditors of said Company who have exhibited their claims and proofs, and whose said claims have been ascertained and adjusted; at his office, No. 27 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on and after the 20th day of February, 1872, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M. of each day. Dated, Feb. 12, 1872. HENRY P. FREEMAN, Receiver of the Market Fire Insurance Company.
STEPHEN W. GAINES, Attorney for Receiver.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF the American Coal Company of Allegheny County, Md., has this day declared a dividend of Three per Cent. payable, in scrip, on the 20th day of March next, to the stockholders or their legal representatives, as registered on the books of the Company, on the evening of the 9th of March proximo. The transfer books will close on the evening of the 9th, and be reopened on the morning of the 21st of March.
NEW-YORK, Feb. 25, 1872.
M. A. MYERS, Secretary.

THE COUPONS DUE MARCH 1, 1872, on the outstanding First Mortgage Bonds of the Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad Company will be cashed (Best Government tax) by the undersigned on presentation at their office and after that date.
GEORGE OPDYKE & CO.,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 24, 1872. No. 25 Nassau-st.

SAVINGS BANKS.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 40 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums.
Interest commences from 1st of January, April, July and October. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M. WALTER W. CONKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

UNION DEME SAVINGS BANK.
Nos. 308 and 308 Canal-st., corner Laight.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ON $5 to $2,000.
ASSETS, $10,519,396 10.

INSTRUCTION.

Mount Washington Collegiate Institute,

NO. 49 WASHINGTON-SQUARE (SOUTH.)
DR. GEO. W. CLARKE, PRINCIPAL.
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AFFAIRS AT ALBANY.

Columbia College Right to Hold and Convey Land.

Restrictions on Insurance Companies—Bills to be Vigorously Taken in Hand—Bills of the Tribune, Sun and Other Ring Papers for $800,000—Mr. Wood's Case.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Tuesday, March 5, 1872.

The town meetings held today in various parts of the State have detained so many members at home that there was barely a quorum present at the opening of the Assembly this morning. This being General Order day, however, their absence did no harm, as experience has shown that the fewer members there are present, the better it is for the dispatch of business in Committee of the Whole. Among the numerous bills ordered to a third reading was the Senate bill authorizing Columbia College to hold and convey lands for a site for the College and other schools connected therewith. It was amended in the Assembly Committee so as to prevent any of said lands from being exempt from taxation unless they are actually used as a site for the College. The bill to forbid any trustee or director of any charitable institution from receiving any salary or compensation for his services was also ordered to a third reading. Also, an important bill introduced by Mr. ALVORD, relieving all persons who may have purchased real estate from aliens from the necessity they have heretofore been subjected to of coming to the Legislature to get their title confirmed.

RESTRICTIONS ON INSURANCE COMPANIES.

A long discussion was had in Committee on Mr. BADEAU's bill, preventing directors or trustees of insurance companies from being directly or indirectly interested in any commission or compensation paid by said companies, or by persons insured, for effecting insurance therein; also, forbidding any company from paying to any agent or broker more than fifteen per cent. of the premium received by the company for insurance. Mr. HUSTED said the effect of the latter prohibition would be to give foreign insurance companies, which pay their agents twenty per cent., an advantage over those of this State, as their agents could allow the insured party two and a half per cent. and still have an extra inducement to work for foreign companies. Speaker SMITH thought it was time the Legislature took some action to prevent the ruinous extravagance of insurance companies, and to protect the people who paid their money into these companies. There was no reason in a custom which allowed twenty per cent. of the money paid by a man for an insurance on his house or his life to be expended in the mere act of effecting the insurance. He was in favor of protecting home companies, so far as it could be done with safety, but the people who trusted to these companies also required some protection against the ruinous competition that was endangering their safety. Mr. ALVORD could see no way in which both the people and the home companies could be protected, except by a general law in the nature of a treaty between the States, which should apply to the whole country, and regulate the business of insurance on a uniform basis. Mr. BADEAU's bill was progressed.

THE ERIE BILL.

The Assembly Railroad Committee held an executive session this morning, but one of the members, Mr. G. W. L. SMITH, of Washington County, was absent, and no action was taken. The Committee will not be able to make any report on the Erie repeal bills today without unanimous consent, which cannot be obtained; and it is thought that before to-morrow a change may be effected in the minds of one or more members of the Committee, which will secure a favorable report of the O'Brien bill, which not only repeals the Classification act, but provides for a new election of directors.

THE "INDEPENDENT" JOURNALS AFTER THEIR HUSH MONEY.

The Tammany corporation papers are up here with a bill, backed by a powerful lobby, to authorize and direct the Controller to pay their accumulated claims for City advertising. It is said that the aggregate of these claims of the nine daily and nine weekly papers, employed by the Ring to trumpet their virtues, foots up between $700,000 and $800,000. Mr. I. W. ENGLAND, of the Sun, has been sent up to represent the claimants here, and it is said that he holds out to the Greeley Republicans as an inducement to go for the bill, a promise to devote one-half of one per cent. of the Sun's claim to the subscription fund for the erection of a monument to "our later Franklin" in Printing-house-square.

THE CHARTER.

The opponents of the Seventy's charter will have a hearing before the Senate Committee on Cities to-morrow afternoon. It is reported here that an arrangement is being made in New-York by which the friends of Controller GREEN and Comptroller Van NOORT are to unite in an effort to amend the charter so as to retain both of these officials in office. The new Board of Aldermen also claims a right to be retained, but it is evident that no such changes can be made without destroying the whole theory of the charter. The Committee of Seventy do not propose to further argue the merits of the charter before the Senate Committee, but will leave its opponents to do all the talking. Among those who are expected here to speak against it are Ex-Mayor OPDYKE, Hon. THOS. E. STEWART, and CHAS. S. SPENCER. The only one of the Seventy now here is Hon. JOHN WHEELER, but others are expected tonight.

A NEW MEMBER.

FREDERICK KILIAN, who has been awarded the seat of ALEXANDER FRASER, from the Fifteenth District of New-York, appeared and was sworn in this morning. He will add another to the Republican majority, and will make a difference of two votes against the Erie Ring, which, according to the latest quotations, will increase the disbursements of JAY GOULD to the extent of about $7,000.

Increasing the Pay of Members—Health Department of Staten Island—New Rapid Transit Scheme—Erie—Senator Wood.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, March 5.—The Assembly this evening ordered to a third reading the joint resolution for an amendment to the Constitution increasing the pay of members of the Legislature to $30 per diem, or $1,000 for the session. Mr. JOHN's bill creating a new Health Department for Staten Island, was also ordered to a third reading, in spite of a fierce Democratic opposition.

RAPID TRANSIT.

In the Senate a new bill for rapid transit was introduced, providing for an elevated road over the Bowery and Third-avenue. There is to be a joint meeting of the Railroad Committees to-morrow to decide upon one or more of the rapid transit schemes, and report the same to the two Houses.

ERIE.

The Assembly Railroad Committee held a three hours' session this afternoon on the Erie Repeal bills. Mr. SMYTHE, one of the members who oppose the O'Brien or Southmayd bill, proposed a compromise bill, which will probably receive the assent of a majority of the Committee, and be reported to-morrow. It provides first for the repeal of the Classification act, so far as it relates to the Erie Railroad. It then provides for a new election of Directors by the bona fide stock-holders, omitting those provisions of the O'Brien bill, which, it is claimed, gives the English stock-holders an advantage over the American. It also provides that the present Board shall, under no circumstances, issue any more convertible bonds, or increase the stock of the Company. Lastly, it provides that the stockholders may by a vote, reduce the capital stock of the Company to a sum represented by the money actually expended in the construction and equip. of the road, the same to be determined by Commissioners appointed by the Court of Common Pleas. Twenty per cent. is then to be added to the sum and new stock issued on the basis of capital stock thereby formed. From that time the Company is forbidden to declare a dividend of more than eight per cent. per annum on the new capital stock, and the fares and freight on the road are to be reduced to correspond with the eight per cent. dividend.

SELLING STOCKS VOID.

Mr. SHIPP, the Chairman of the Senate Committee on the investigation of the charges against Senator WOOD, in relation to the other members of his Committee, has himself confined of bribery by Erie. The Committee have not yet examined it, and it is not known whether it will receive their assent. The report is said to be to the effect that the evidence taken on the investigation does not furnish legal proof of guilt on the part of the Senator, and therefore, if does not warrant the Committee in recommending any action in the premises on the part of the Senate.

PAYING THE NEWSPAPERS.

An amendment to the New-York Audit bill was introduced in the Senate, by consent, providing for paying the claims of the several newspapers that have been advertising for the City for the past two years. The Treasury is excepted from the provisions of this act. If the Controller has not the money to pay these items, he is to issue revenue bonds for the purpose.

THIRD READINGS.

In the Assembly to-night the bill to legalize the bonds issued by the City of Brooklyn for the relief of the sufferers by the Chicago fire, was ordered to a third reading; also, a similar bill relating to Syracuse; also, a bill providing that in case of the absence of the Judges of the City Court of Brooklyn parties to actions may petition to remove the same to the General Term of the Supreme Court; also, a bill fixing the fees of justices of the peace and constables in civil and criminal cases, and of jurors and witnesses in justices courts; also, a bill to include the Fourth and Fifth Judicial Districts under the provision of the act to employ stenographers in the Courts of the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Districts; also, a bill providing that previously formed or expressed opinions shall not disqualify persons from serving as jurors.

PACIFIC MAIL STOCK.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation agreed this evening to report in favor of the bill allowing the Pacific Mail Steam-ship Company to reduce its capital stock. Considerable surprise is manifested at this action, as the matter is regarded in some quarters as being purely a stock-jobbing operation, wherein the insiders will control the funds of the Company for purposes of private speculation.

THE ELEVATED RAILWAY.

Mr. TWOMBLY introduced a bill in the Assembly today to authorize the New-York Elevated Railway Company to extend its track in a westerly and northerly direction, and to regulate the construction and operation of the same. They are authorized to extend the road north of One Hundredth-street, and westerly of Eighth-avenue to Harlem River, Spuyten Duyvil Creek. They may charge ten cents for any distance south of Fifty-ninth-street, and ten cents for any distance between Fifty-ninth-street and One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street, and ten cents for any distance north of One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street in the City of New-York.

JERSEY CITY FRAUDS.

The Indictments Against the Officials—Yesterday's Proceedings in the Hudson County Courts.

In the Hudson County Court yesterday, the Jersey City officials pleaded to the indictments found against them. Police Justice KEESE is charged in six indictments, with false imprisonment, with illegally inflicting fines, with having failed to make returns of fines to the City Treasurer within the required twenty-four hours, with embezzling city funds, and with owning stock in the Washt-am-Hudson, an official paper. He entered pleas of not guilty, and gave bail in $5,000.

Police Commissioner EDMONDSON is charged with having deducted money from the pay of members of the Department for political purposes, with owning stock in the Washt-am-Hudson, and with having taken $800 from one JOSEPH ACTON for securing him a position as Assessor. He pleaded not guilty, and furnished $3,400 bail.

Fire Commissioner GREGORY is charged with having entered into contracts with three several parties, to furnish hence for the use of the Department. He gave $3,000 bail.

Police Commissioner GOLTZE pleaded not guilty to the charge of having sold property to the City for the use of the reservoir, and two indictments similar to those found against the other members of the Board, and gave $8,500 bail.

Commissioner BUMSTED, of the Board of Public Works, is charged in ten indictments with having awarded contracts without advertising for bids and with having an interest in the contracts of the Board. He furnished bail in the sum of $13,000.

E. L. MCWILLIAMS, Chief of Police, is charged with having compounded a felony in the case of the robbing of the law offices of J. S. NOYES, in having secured the return of the bonds without having arrested the thieves and with having taken $1,400 for his services in the matter. Indictments were found against Police Commissioners PRITCHARD, HULTON and GROSS on charges similar to those against Commissioner EDMONDSON. Commissioners DEAN and TILDEN, of the Board of Fire Commissioners, are indicted for contracting without previously advertising for bids. Commissioners GILLETT, BRAY, INGWERSEN, WELSH, MARTIN and STARTUP, of the Board of Public Works, (the whole Board,) are indicted in common upon six charges precisely similar to those pleaded to by Commissioner BUMSTED. Justice MAIRS is charged with unlawfully imprisoning JOHN H. PLATT. He pleaded not guilty, and gave bail in the sum of $600. CHAS. MAHAN, formerly a Police Captain, has also been indicted.

New Bank Enterprise.

A meeting of prominent gentlemen connected with national banks was held, yesterday, at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Representatives were present from Boston, Providence, New-London, Troy, Albany, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Louisville, Baltimore, New-York and other places. A plan was under consideration to establish in this City a bank with a capital of from five to ten millions, which should be the representative of the national banks of the country. In view of the prospect of requiring a competent redeeming agency for national bank currency in no distant day, this would seem to be a timely undertaking. They propose also to do a general banking business, affording special facilities for moving the crops and produce of the country, their intimate connection with the national banks in various sections, giving them the requisite knowledge to enable them to do this with facility. It is probable that this consultation will result in the establishment of a strong institution, with a large capital, and having the support of the national banks of the country to a large extent. The gentlemen spoken of as officers of the proposed bank are Hon. FREEMAN CLARK, of Rochester, late Controller of the Currency, for President, and HENRY H. MARTIN, Esq., of Albany, for Cashier. These gentlemen are well known as financiers of integrity and ability, and are thoroughly acquainted with the business wants of the country.

Personal.

Rear-Admiral E. C. INGLEFIELD, naval attaché of the British Legation at Washington, is at the Westmoreland Hotel. Senator STANFORD, of Schenectady; Ex-Mayor GEORGE INNIS, of Poughkeepsie; Ex-Mayor W. G. FARGO, of Buffalo; Capts. R. N. LEWIS and E. ENGLISH, of the United States Navy, and Capt. JOEL STONE, of Connecticut, are at the Astor House. Gen. ESBERY UPTON, of West Point, and Gen. E. L. VIELE, of Connecticut, are at the Glenham Hotel. Ex-Congressman KINGSBURY, of Philadelphia; Lieut.-Commander E. E. PRIBLE, of the United States Navy, and Hon. JOHN MCCALLUM, of Kentucky, are at the St. Denis Hotel. Ex-Lieut.-Gov. CALDWELL, of Wisconsin; Dr. ARTS, of the United States Army; Judge PUTNAM, of New-Hampshire, and Rev. ISAAC BUTTS, of Philadelphia, are at Earle's Hotel. Major W. B. DAVIDS, of the United States Army, is at the Sturtevant House. Gen. CLINTON B. FISK, of St. Louis; Gen. MERRITT, of Potsdam, and Col. JAS. W. SINGLETON, of Illinois, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Judge J. M. FIELDS, of Texas; Gen. E. W. HICH, of Iowa; Gen. GEO. W. COOK, of California; Judge HOWLETT, of Syracuse, and Ex-Mayor R. M. BISHOP, of Cincinnati, are at the Metropolitan Hotel. Gen. J. C. ROBINSON, of the United States Army; Gen. H. L. BOSTWICK, of Binghamton, and Col. J. W. PETTON, of Mississippi, are at the Grand Central Hotel. Judge WOODSBURY, of Alabama, and Gen. JOHN MARSHALL BROWN, of Maine, are at the New-York Hotel. Gen. JOHN D. WHITFORD, of North Carolina, and Wm. H. SEWARD, Jr., of Auburn, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Senator WILLIAM WINDOM, of Minnesota, and Senator WM. B. ALLISON, of Iowa, are at the Brevoort House.

A Mean Piece of Business.

C. O'ROURKE, a City Marshal attached to Judge HAYS's Court, appeared yesterday before Col. JOLINE, the Mayor's Chief Clerk, to answer the charge of MARY DUNCAN, who accused him of keeping $12 50 of her's, the award of a suit by her for wages. O'ROURKE acknowledged to have received the money, and said he gave it to a man named CLARKE, who claimed it as his fee for appearing as counsel for MARY DUNCAN.

Col. JOLINE decided that he could not interfere. Mr. CHARLES MCBRIDE, of the Excise Commission, kindly advanced money to pay the girl.

Ship-Owners' Association—A Deputation to Go to Albany.

The Ship-Owners' Association met yesterday, and Mr. VAN BRUNT, the President, was selected as one of a committee of three to go to Albany to defend the interests of ship-owners before the Legislative Committee on Commerce and Navigation. Among other interests of the ship-owners to be advocated by the Committee at Albany, are the change of quarantine from Cape Henlopen to Cape Henry, Virginia, and the shortening of the time of quarantining vessels.

LEGAL REFORM.

Important Meeting of the Bar Association Last Evening.

Reports of the Committee—Resolutions for Better Recording of Liens—The Marine Court Bill Discussed.

At the meeting of the Bar Association, last evening, to consider the consideration of the amendments to the Code, proposed by the Committee of the Law, and on the proposed change in the Marine and District Courts, Mr. OLMSTEAD, from the Committee on Exterior, made the following report:

To the Bar Association of the City of New-York:

The undersigned, to whom it was referred by this Association to inquire into existing practices of illegal exactions in various public offices in this City, and to consider and report whether any, and, if any, what measures can be taken to prevent the same, report as follows:

Your Committee have met from time to time and made such investigations as were possible respecting the matters referred to them, confining their inquiries to the following offices, supposed to be particularly contemplated by the resolutions of reference, to wit: the Sheriff's, County Clerk's, Register's, Surrogate's offices, and the offices of the clerks of the various Courts.

GENERAL FINDINGS.

Your Committee find and state that fees and charges not authorized by law, or in excess of those allowed by law, are, and for many years past have been, habitually charged and collected in the offices above named, especially in those of the Sheriff, County Clerk and Register; that the fact of such excessive charges is notorious, and within the constant and almost daily experience of all the members of the legal profession; and that no report of your Committee could add to the general knowledge of this Association on that subject. These excessive charges partake more or less of the character of extortions, and in some cases can be defined by no other term.

CAUSES OF THE ABUSES.

Your Committee find this condition of things to be due to many causes, among which may be enumerated the numberless small charges allowed by law for the services of the officials, and their clerks and deputies, and the great variety of statutes regulating their charges; the interpolation of provisions for fees and perquisites in general and special laws, some of which would seem to have been designed by their promoters for the sole object of increasing official emoluments, without a corresponding public benefit; the obsolete character of many statutes, and the want of adaptation of others to the present practice; the frequent sanction of excessive charges by the Courts, and the censurable neglect of members of the legal profession in submitting to unauthorized charges without objection; the political corruption extant in this City, which has heretofore prevented any redress in such matters, and the possibility of electing by popular suffrage and for partisan purposes improper persons to these offices, which should be filled only by those qualified by their education, fitness, and integrity to hold them.

SPECIFICATIONS.

Of course, it is impossible, even were it desirable, for your Committee to report all the cases of illegal charges which have come to their notice, but they propose to direct your attention to a few instances.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

In the Sheriff's Office during the year 1871 2,335 new causes were put upon the calendars of the Supreme, Superior and Common Pleas Courts in this City for trial, returning a revenue to the Sheriff of $1,166 per month when Circuits were held for summoning jurors in those causes alone, without reference to his pay for summoning jurors in the Marine Court, for which he regularly draws pay from the City, or to his revenue from the large calendar of causes remaining over in those Courts from the preceding years. And, inasmuch, as it is two or three years before causes in the higher Courts are reached in their turn for trial in this City, it can readily be understood how large is the income of the Sheriff for this comparatively trifling service. It is claimed by him to be a legal charge, but upon the face of the statute, as well as the circumstances of the case, the law plainly never was intended to be applicable to the present condition of the calendars. The excessive fees and perquisites received by Sheriffs upon attachments and replevins, for poundage, keepers' fees, charges for functionaries and advertising, oppressive exactions from those arrested for debt, all these and many other unwarrantable and excessive charges and extortions on the part of Sheriffs' deputies are well authenticated. The yearly aggregate amount of the illegal exactions in his office can never be accurately known, but must be very large.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

Numerous liens on real estate, comprising judgments, forfeited recognizances, notices of *lis pendens*, certificates of Sheriff's and Marshal's sales, insolvent assignments, notices of foreclosure by advertisement, general assignments, orders appointing receivers, mechanics' and unsafe building liens, are filed in the County Clerk's office, searches for which on the examination of titles are requisite, to the great gain of the Clerk and to the great cost of the party requiring them. Of late, it has been a rule in this office to furnish a search, to any one desiring it out of its order, on the payment of fifty per cent. in addition to the legal fees, which would not be so objectionable, as a mere business arrangement, did it not retard other searches from being made in their regular order; the fact now being that it is impossible to procure the return of a search before the time fixed as the utmost limit of its return by law (ten days) without the payment of the extra fee. The law requiring a return within a specified time is intended wholly for the benefit of the public and not of the clerk, but the clerk construes it in his own favor by compelling those who are under the necessity of completing their contracts for the mortgage or purchase of real estate within a certain time, either to pay the extra fee, or be in default on their contracts, or transfer their titles without search being made. These fees for searches afford a very large revenue to the clerk, and he would be well paid for making them at the legal rates. The County Clerk's charges for copying, certifying and filing papers, including copies of opinions and returns to the Court of Appeals and certificates of Surrogate's decrees, are also almost invariably in excess of the legal rates.

REGISTER'S OFFICE.

In the Register's office the fees usually collected are illegal and excessive. In 1871 there were recorded in that office, by actual count, 12,849 deeds and 15,189 mortgages, including assignments of mortgages, and about 7,924 satisfactions of mortgage on, and 505 powers of attorney, being a less number than in some of the previous years. The legal fee for recording an ordinary deed is about $1 50; the charge is $2 50. The legal fee for recording a mortgage is about $1 45; the charge is $3 75. The legal fee for recording a satisfaction of mortgage is twenty-eight cents; the charge is $1; and on short and long leases, contracts and extraordinary papers, the overcharge is still greater. So that, making a fair allowance for the proportion of assignments of mortgages, it is safe to conclude that the overcharges on the instruments recorded in this office in any one year will average in the aggregate about $40,000.

Besides this, there are the illegal charges for searches, and searches done out of their order, one-half of which charges goes to the Register, and the other half to the searchers, all swelling the amount which the public is called upon unnecessarily to contribute to the support of this office. But the evil does not stop here. These exorbitant fees, together with the great number of liens now existing on real estate, impede its transfer, and seriously affect its marketable value. Persons will not so freely purchase land, or deal in it, when it is subject to such burdensome exactions.

Clerks and searchers are retained in the Register's office through every administration, who, by reason of their experience and peculiar facilities in the way of private indices, which they claim to own, are deemed necessary to the prompt and careful transaction of its business.

While it is admitted that these gentlemen, in view of the large interests depending upon the faithful discharge of their duties, and by reason of their long experience and well-established reputations as civil searchers, ought to be retained in the office at fair salaries, there is still no ground for their being rewarded by such an enormous income as they realize, and if their services are absolutely and all all events necessary, to secure the safe transmission of titles, their system of recording and indexing had better be devised anew. As before remarked, the Register receives two-half the fees for searches and the searchers the other half. His revenue from this source cannot be much less than from $30,000 to $40,000 per annum, which, added to his illegal fees for recording, amounts to from $60,000 to $70,000 per annum.

RECORD COMMISSION.

An act was passed by the Legislature in 1869, (Laws of 1869, chapter 427,) appointing four gentlemen Commissioners of Records for the City and County of New-York, with full powers to examine into the condition of the records, papers and books in the offices of the Clerk, Register and Surrogate in said City and County, and to have the same copied and printed in such form and to such an extent as they may deem proper, and to make further rules for the preservation and arrangement thereof, for the use of the public and their officers. Said Clerk, Register and Surrogate shall be ex-officio Commissioners in relation to the records in their respective offices." The Commissioners were to receive no compensation, but the necessary expenses incurred by them were provided to be paid by the County Treasurer.

The printing of the volumes authorized by this act was completed during the year 1869 at an expense to the county of about $40,000. There were expected to be in the volumes of printing, 24,000 of which 12,000 were for Judgments, 4,000 of lis pendens, and 1,000 of Sheriff's and Marshal's sales, in all 16,000 [illegible] Clerk resigned, and the Commissioners [illegible] to make the Clerk responsible at the pleasure of the Court. [illegible] the appointment of the officers to the Courts.

The ninth forbids the Clerks and officers any participation.

The tenth section was amended by Mr. PARKER so as to make all commissions taxable without fees, and remarkable without the mere clerical service, and to be issued by any person of competent authority, and not only by a Judge of a Court of Record, and the original section simply forbidding the exaction of fees on the issuing of process was passed.

Sections 11 and 12, providing for references, and making the present practice applicable to the new Court, were adopted.

The thirteenth section, providing for a General Term by not less than three Justices was also adopted, though objection was made to any General Term at all.

The fourteenth section relating to stenographers' fees, was passed.

The fifteenth section was stricken out, and the rest, only relating to the transfer of business, were also adopted.

The bill having been examined by sections, a motion was made by Mr. OLMSTEAD to refer back the bill to the Committee on Legislation. A demand was made for the purpose of the change.

Mr. GILBERT, from the Committee, replied that the object of the bill was to get a better Court than the present Court. For that purpose they had introduced the feature of appointment instead of election. Again, they had sought to remove the question of salaries from the Board of Supervisors, a political body, and shield them independent.

Mr. PRICE opposed the bill, as one merely to remove Justices, some of whom were at least fit to adorn that Bench. It was not at all sure that a future Mayor would select the best talent.

The whole bill was referred back to the Committee, and after a little further discussion in meeting adjourned.

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Payment of pensions was continued by Col. DOTY yesterday.

A supposed case of small-pox created a panic in Special Sessions yesterday.

Last evening the Hibernians met and perfected arrangements for the parade on the 18th inst.

The hasters in CARHART, WHITFORD & Co.'s establishment, in Hudson-street, are on a strike.

Mrs. L. J. MILLER, aged sixty, was found dead on the floor of her room, at No. 59 Ludlow-street, yesterday.

County Auditor EARLE yesterday paid off all the poll clerks engaged at the last election from the First to the Fifteenth Wards inclusive.

ELLEN BOWMAN was seriously injured yesterday by falling out of the third story window of her residence, No. 1,549 Third-avenue.

MARY MOORE, a servant employed at No. 22 Charlton-street, was dangerously burned yesterday by her clothes accidentally taking fire.

In the United States District Court, yesterday, the admiralty calendar was called by Judge BLATCHFORD, and cases set down for trial.

Rev. J. G. OAKLEY, Pastor of the Duane-street Methodist Episcopal Church, received a donation from his congregation last night of $400.

JOHN O'MAHONY lectured at Cooper Institute, last evening, on "Ireland's Revolutionary Struggle from 1848 to 1871." Gen. W. G. HALPIN presided.

The Colored Young Men's Christian Association have elected E. V. C. EATO, President, D. A. STORMS, Recording Secretary, and HENRY CUNNINGHAM, Treasurer.

JAMES O'CONNER and JOHN COMERFORD were committed by Justice SHANDLEY at Essex Market, yesterday, on a charge of stealing a watch from HENRY F. GRIEF.

A meeting of the Twenty-first District Grant Club was held last evening. Resolutions were passed sympathizing with the family of their late member, ALLAN COOPER.

A fire occurred yesterday morning in the bedding store of PATRICK CONAGHAN, in the basement of No. 116 Sixth-avenue, resulting in $600 damage to building and contents.

The Photographic section of the American Institute last evening nominated for officers: H. J. NEWTON, President; William Kurtz and D. C. Chapman, Vice-Presidents; and O. G. Mason, Secretary.

A large delegation of the Committee of Ninety leaves for Albany today to urge upon the Legislature the passage of the bill prepared by the Committee to provide rapid transit for the citizens of New-York.

Nine up-town Democratic organizations met last evening and formed an association called the Twenty-first Ward Democratic Convention, with a view to promote the interests of their party in the district.

An unknown German, aged forty-five, apparently intoxicated, was brought to the Seventeenth Precinct Station-house yesterday afternoon. Soon after the man became unconscious and was sent to Bellevue Hospital.

THOMAS PERRY, of One Hundred and Twenty-first-street and Fourth-avenue, died yesterday from injuries said to have been inflicted by THOMAS CARROLL, a blacksmith. A warrant has been issued for CARROLL's arrest.

In the United States Circuit Court, yesterday, the petit jury for the trial of criminal cases was called before Judge BENEDICT. It is understood that JAMES IRVING's case will be called and set down for trial today.

WM. LYONS, aged seventeen, of No. 52 Mulberry-street, was committed to the Tombs on the 14th ult. on a charge of burglary. While in the prison, the lad was taken ill, and lingered until Monday evening, when death ensued.

The joint committee engaged in the work of revising and modifying the rates of storage for bonded warehouses, to be established in their labors. A report of the result will be presented to the Chamber of Commerce at its meeting tomorrow.

The Fourth Assembly District Republican Association met last night. A resolution was passed directing application to be made to the proper authorities to permit none but true Republicans to be employed in the Brooklyn Navy-yard.

Two of the "ticket-of-leave men" who are still at Police Head-quarters, have become so dirty in their habits that the detectives who have been ordered to sleep in the building at night have asked to be excused until these men are removed.

Last evening, in the saloon No. 773 Seventh-avenue, FRANCIS REAGAN, a Seventh-avenue Railroad driver, was shot by JAMES MCCLUSKEY, the bartender, and severely injured. REAGAN was taken to the hospital and MCCLUSKEY was arrested.

In the case of JOSHUA P. CASE and JEROME TANTUM, imprisoned on a charge of defrauding EDWARD LUMLEY, a motion was made yesterday before Judge ROBINSON, in Common Pleas, Special Term, to reduce the amount of bail. The motion was denied.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday, counsel in the Jumel case appeared, but the jurors who had been taken sick the day before being still unable to leave his room, and counsel for the plaintiff not being willing to go on with eleven jurors, the case was adjourned.

EDWARD BERNSTEIN, a bankrupt, indicted on a charge of having obtained, while insolvent and with intent to defraud, about $1,600 worth of clothing from MAX STADLER and others, was brought before Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday, and gave $2,000 bail to appear for trial.

A meeting of the National Rifle Association was held last night, and the new manual of instruction, prepared by Capt. WINGATE, was adopted. It was further resolved to petition the Legislature for an appropriation of $25,000, to be used in the purchase of ground for a "range."

HARRIS G. AVERY, a bankrupt, was arrested on complaint of DAVID A. HOPKINS and ALBERT SMITH, and taken before Commissioner WILLIAMS yesterday, on a charge of having concealed a portion of his assets with intent to defraud. He was committed for examination in default of $5,000 bail.

A meeting of the Reform Democracy of the First Assembly District will be held at No. 72 Green-street to-night to ratify the action of the General Committee, and prepare for the coming charter election. Addresses will be made by William C. Barrett, Hon. James O'Brien, Samuel G. Courtney, Henry L. Clinton, and others.

BERTRAM A. GREEN was brought before Judge BLATCHFORD, in the United States District Court yesterday, and counsel moved that he be discharged from the United States navy, on the ground that he being a minor, had enlisted without the consent of his parents. Judge BLATCHFORD ordered a reference to take testimony as to age, &c.

The Nineteenth Surgical District was changed so as to consist of the Eighth and Fourteenth Precincts, and Surgeon WHITE was assigned to duty therein. Surgeon HENRY was transferred to the Fifteenth Surgeon's District, in place of Surgeon OTIS, resigned, and Surgeon STARLEY assigned to duty in the Fifth Surgeon's District, in place of Surgeon HENRY, transferred. These resolutions and changes take effect on the 7th inst.

LONG ISLAND.

Mrs. TOWNY, of Aquebogue, died on Sunday from injuries received by falling on the ice.

A meeting was held in Jamaica last evening, to consider the bill to build a Court-house and Jail at Mineola. The project was condemned.

PATRICK O'ROURKE was committed by Justice FARRELL, yesterday, for assaulting Mrs. MCGUNKIN, a widow lady, to whom he had [illegible]

A meeting was held in Bensonville last night to take measures to build a new school-house. [illegible] Board of Education [illegible] Fire-Marshal [illegible] Chief Engineer [illegible] Board of Supervisors [illegible] Board of Assessors [illegible] Board of Public Works [illegible] Board of Fire Commissioners [illegible] Board of Aldermen [illegible] Board of Assistant Aldermen [illegible] Board of Street Commissioners [illegible] Board of Police [illegible] Board of Health [illegible] Board of Excise [illegible] Board of Law Commissioners [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Public Parks [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Emigration [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Charities and Correction [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Quarantine [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Pilots [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Pilot-boats [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Pilot-boat Pension Fund [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Pilot-boat Relief Fund [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Pilot-boat Relief Fund [illegible] Board of Commissioners of Pilot-boat Relief